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# CMVC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

## HOMEARAMA: DISCOVER THE SIMPLE LIFE ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

Homearama 2004 will feature 17 fully furnished custom homes designed for today with the character of coastal community homes of years past. The homes are located in one of Norfolk's newest developments, East Beach. The show is expected to attract 100,000 visitors over a two-week period.

This is the 23rd year that Tidewater Builders Association has hosted this annual display of homes, but there are many firsts associated with this year's show:

- It is the first Homearama to be hosted by the city of Norfolk.
- It is the first event being staged along the Chesapeake Bay.
- It features houses based on traditional mid-Atlantic architecture.
- Some of the homes include apartments above the garage and some offer three stories of living space.

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## RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Two special events this year are planned for this year's Red Ribbon Campaign. The first event will be a youth talent exhibition that will take place on Saturday, October 23, 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. at the Gallery at Military Circle. LaSalle Blanks, News Anchor for Channel 13 News has tentatively agreed to emcee the event.

Then on Saturday, October 30, from 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m., the Beacon Light Civic League will host a "Take the Drug-Free Road March" through the Berkley community. The march is scheduled to begin and end at the Berkley Recreation Center, located at 121 W. Liberty Street and will draw participants from throughout the City of Norfolk in support of this worthy cause.

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- Thirteen of the homes will feature Hardiplank exterior siding.
- One of the homes is a small (by Homearama standards) two-story 1,140-square foot cottage.

**When is it?** Homearama is open to the public October 9-24 from noon to 10 p.m.

**How much does it cost?** General admission tickets are \$10 each. Active duty military/seniors are \$9 each Monday through Thursday only. Two-day tickets are \$18. Children 12 and under are free. A \$1 discount ticket is available at [www.tbaonline.org](http://www.tbaonline.org)

**Special features this year include:**

- The Norfolk House built by WATAB Construction, to highlight Norfolk historical and cultural jewels, as well as water conservation measures.
- The Charity House, called “House of Heroes,” also built by WATAB Construction, to benefit The Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters when it is sold, featuring handprints and activities that celebrate children who are patients at the facility.
- The Salute to the Military Home, sponsored by the Navy League of Hampton Roads and built by Simpson Builders, Inc., highlighting the area’s military through activities and décor
- A Taste of Norfolk event sponsored by Virginia Natural Gas will provide guests with taste samples from some of the city’s finest restaurants.
- A 100-booth exhibit center showcasing housing related products and services
- A free full-color magazine including floor plans of the showcase homes, and articles about new housing trends and timely tips for the prospective buyer.
- A chance to cast your vote in the People's Choice Awards competition.
- A variety of workshops and entertainment throughout the event.
- A full line of concessions.

**Who are the builders?** Homearama veteran builders are: Area Builders of Tidewater Inc., Definitive Homes Inc., Joey Corp., RCR Development L.L.C., Charles A. Schmitt Contractor Inc., J.F. Schoch Building Corp. and WATAB Construction Corp. Those new to Homearama are: Boone Builders Inc., DeBord Custom Homes Inc., Executive Homes Corp. of VA, North Shore Construction Co., Real Developments Inc. Seaside Homes, Simpson Builders Inc. and J.M. Sykes Inc.

**Who are the sponsors?** The promotional co-sponsor is The Virginian-Pilot. Official sponsors are The City of Norfolk and the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Farm Fresh, James Hardie Siding Products, Titan America and The Navy

League Hampton Roads. Other sponsors are Harbor Walk Development, Land'or International and Coca Cola.

**Where is it?** East Beach is located on a peninsula of land situated between the Chesapeake Bay and Pretty Lake Avenue. Directions: From I-64 take the Northampton Boulevard exit (Exit Route 13 North), and then turn left onto Diamond Springs Road. Next, turn left onto Shore Drive (Route 60 West).

Go 2 miles on Shore Drive and turn right onto East Beach Drive and follow signs for parking.

*For more information, call 420-2434 or visit [www.tbaonline.org](http://www.tbaonline.org)*

### The Norfolk House Event Schedule

#### Oct. 9

Noon-8 p.m.                      Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

#### Oct. 10

Noon-8 p.m.                      Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

#### Oct. 11

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.      Chinese Painting (D'Art Center)  
2 p.m.-8 p.m.              Woodworking (Norfolk Senior Center)  
5 p.m.-6 p.m.              Sterling Silver — All You Need to Know (Littman's)  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.              Living by Candlelight (Illuminations)

#### Oct. 11-13

Noon -3 p.m.              Demo: Ionic breeze/massage chair (Sharper Image)  
2 p.m.                      Demo: Moss-lined hanging basket (Norfolk Botanical Gardens)  
6-7 p.m.                  Decorating Home & Garden with Flags (Garden Gazebo)  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.              Wine/Food Tasting (Gene Walter's Marketplace)

#### Oct. 12

Noon-1 p.m.              Sterling Silver — All You Need to Know (Littman's)  
2 p.m.-8 p.m.              Woodworking (Norfolk Senior Center)  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.              Demo: Segway Human Transporter (Brookstone)

#### Oct. 13

2 p.m.-3 p.m.              Sterling Silver — All You Need to Know (Littman's)  
2 p.m.-8 p.m.              Woodworking (Norfolk Senior Center)  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.              Living by Candlelight (Illuminations)

Oct. 14

Noon-6 p.m. Painting (Norfolk Senior Center)

Oct. 15

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fiber/Beading/Jewelry (D'Art Center)

Noon-6 p.m. Painting (Norfolk Senior Center)

Oct. 16

Noon-8 p.m. Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

Noon-10 p.m. Flower Arranging (The New Leaf)

Oct. 17

Noon-8 p.m. Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

Oct. 18

Noon-1 p.m. Sterling Silver — All You Need to Know (Littman's)

2 p.m. -8 p.m. Woodworking (Norfolk Senior Center)

7 p.m.-8 p.m. Living by Candlelight (Illuminations)

Oct. 18-20

Noon- 6 p.m. Tea/Cookie Tasting (Crabtree/Evelyn)

2 p.m. Demo: Moss-lined hanging basket (Norfolk Botanical Gardens)

5 p.m.-8 p.m. Demo: Ionic breeze/massage chair (Sharper Image)

6 p.m. -7 p.m. Decorating Home & Garden with Flags (Garden Gazebo)

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Wine/Food Tasting (Gene Walter's Marketplace)

Oct. 19

1 p.m.-3 p.m. Demo: Segway Human Transporter (Brookstone)

2 p.m.-8 p.m. Woodworking (Norfolk Senior Center)

7 p.m.-8 p.m. Sterling Silver — All You Need to Know (Littman's)

Oct. 20

2 p.m.-8 p.m. Woodworking (Norfolk Senior Center)

6 p.m.-7 p.m. Sterling Silver — All You Need to Know (Littman's)

7 p.m.-8 p.m. Living by Candlelight (Illuminations)

Oct. 21

Noon-4 p.m. Painting (Norfolk Senior Center)

Oct. 21-22

5 p.m.-8 p.m. Cookbook sales/signing/tasting (Rowena's)

Oct. 22

2 p.m.-6 p.m. Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

Oct. 23

Noon-8 p.m. Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

Noon-8 p.m. Ikebana-Japanese floral arranging (MacArthur Memorial)

1 p.m.-4 p.m. Cookbook sales/signing/tasting (Rowena's)

Oct. 24

Noon-8 p.m. Ceramics (Norfolk Senior Center)

## **CHANGES IN STATE LEGISLATION TO HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON GEM PROGRAM**

State blight eradication legislation (VA Codes 58.1-3970.1 and 58.1-3965) allows cities to acquire private property where nuisance abatement liens and/or delinquent taxes were not paid by their owners. This legislation has served as the cornerstone for the City's GEM Program, which is starting to acquire slum and blighting properties as a tool for redevelopment and revitalization of Norfolk's neighborhoods.

Currently, there are over 400 properties citywide identified as eligible under GEM. The City, as part of the program is pursuing the acquisition of all 40 properties that meet the state requirements in Douglas Park. In addition, through the program, we are in the final acquisition phase for two properties that will be used for infill housing in Park Place, as well as beginning the acquisition process for 20 of the other 67 properties identified in Park Place.

Effective July 1, 2004, revisions to the Virginia Code expanded the City's authority to acquire additional properties by raising the assessed value limit from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Staff from the Treasurer's Office, Information Technology and the City Manager's Office are working together to create a new database of properties that meet the new criteria. We anticipate the current number of GEM properties to increase by several thousand additional lots. As a result, we are reviewing our existing GEM acquisition process to improve the effectiveness of the program to address the needs of Norfolk neighborhoods. Specific steps under review include the development of performance contracts for properties that are turned over to NRHA or to developers; and strengthening design standards for in-fill housing and commercial development.

## **CAMPOSTELLA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FORMALLY OPENS**

The new Campostella Educational Resource Center opened the end of August adjacent to the recreation center on Leake Street. The education center will provide after school support/homework opportunities for Norfolk Public School students who live in the Campostella community. This is the third center to open in support of NPS's on-going commitment to the Middle School Quality Education Program. Hundreds of students are already benefiting from the Diggs Town and Oakleaf Forest Centers programs.

The Campostella Educational Resource Center is a valuable asset to the community for many families that cannot afford a personal computer in their homes. The new resource center, equipped with 16 networked computers and five printers, will enable students to access information, learn and develop new computer skills, and practice what is being taught in their schools. A Norfolk Public Schools' staff person will be available to assist students and to provide general oversight

## **PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES GREATER ACCESS TO COMPUTERS FOR NORFOLK RESIDENTS**

A grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that is being administered by the Library of Virginia will add 35 new computers for the public at the Norfolk Kim Memorial Library and branches. The grant covers the cost of Pentium 4 computers, 17" monitors, CD-RW/DVDs, floppy drives, five year warranties as well as copies of Windows XP, Office 2003 Professional, and Encarta 2004 Reference Suite.

The Gates Foundation support for this public library initiative is based on evidence that shows public libraries have helped close the digital divide by providing free, public access to computers and the Internet, particularly for people without access at home or work. The distribution of computers to our libraries for this grant was determined by the Gates Foundation.

## **STATE CONSIDERING UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING LEGISLATION**

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is holding meetings on HJ153, which directs the SCC to study the feasibility of placing utility lines underground throughout the Commonwealth. The study was prompted in large part by Hurricane Isabel that destroyed power lines throughout eastern Virginia.

A similar effort was recently undertaken by the state of North Carolina. That study indicated that it would take 25 years to complete the required undergrounding at a cost of \$41 billion. Recovering the costs through rate increases, as was considered as part of the North Carolina proposal, was not considered feasible in that it would result in an

electrical utility rate increase of 125 percent. As a result, there has been no action taken on this study by the North Carolina legislature.

The City Council's position favors developing a cost effective utility undergrounding program. It is likely that the determination as to whether to proceed with an undergrounding plan in Virginia will be based on the cost of the program and the potential funding sources.

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NORFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 6TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

This Year's Theme: Homeland Security  
Preparedness for Citizens and Businesses

Co-Hosted by the CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF  
NORFOLK (CPAAAN)

Guest Speaker:  
The Honorable George Foresman (see biography)  
Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness

When: October 26, 2004  
Where: Second Patrol Division  
7665 Sewells Point Road  
Time: 6pm – 9pm

Among those present will be Representatives from:  
Emergency Operation Center  
American Red Cross  
U. S. Coast Guard  
Health Department  
Norfolk Sheriff's Office  
Norfolk Fire Department  
Dominion Virginia Power

## George Williamson Foresman Biography

Governor Mark Warner originally appointed George W. Foresman as Deputy Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness in January 2002, and subsequently elevated him to his current Cabinet rank post in April 2004. Foresman was previously appointed by former Governor James S. Gilmore, III in 1998 as Virginia's Deputy State Coordinator of Emergency Management. Foresman joined state government in 1985 and has over twenty years of local and state level public safety and emergency management experience ranging from response to executive management responsibilities.

Foresman participates in Cabinet meetings, serves as the federal point of contact for Homeland Security and works with Virginia's Congressional Delegation and White House Administration in obtaining federal resources. The office ensures proper coordination between agencies of state government responsible for security and serves as a direct liaison between the Governor and local governments and first responders. He helps educate the public on homeland security initiatives. He is the Chairman of the Secure Commonwealth Panel and Co-chairman of the Virginia Military Advisory Council both of which function to strengthen Virginia's preparedness.

As Deputy Assistant to the Governor, Foresman's responsibilities include providing strategic leadership and coordination to the Commonwealth's emergency and disaster preparedness activities, across all areas and facets of state government and in partnership with the private sector. A veteran of disaster response and recovery, Foresman has served as the State and Deputy State Coordinating Officer during more than fourteen Presidentially declared disasters in the Commonwealth, more than twenty-five Gubernatorially declared State's of Emergency and hundreds of smaller events. His career has included work in disaster grants management, local and state planning, mitigation, special projects, intergovernmental relations, operations and executive level organizational management.

Foresman is a nationally recognized expert on emergency preparedness issues and frequently consults on behalf of the National Governors' Association, National Emergency Management Association and private sector organizations on issues related to community, state and national preparedness.

A native of Lexington, Virginia, Foresman is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

**SENTINEL CHICKENS AND A MOSQUITO POOL  
IN NORFOLK TESTED POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS**



The Norfolk Department of Public Health has reported two positive sentinel chickens for West Nile Virus (WNV) in Norfolk near Granby Street, North of Interstate 64. The Norfolk Department of Public Health has also reported a positive mosquito pool for West Nile Virus in the West Ghent section of Norfolk. The Norfolk Vector Control Program has increased surveillance and control activities throughout the city.

West Nile Virus is spread to horses and humans through the bite of an infected mosquito.

The mosquito becomes infected after biting an infected bird. The risk of WNV is greater for people over 50 and those with weakened immune systems said Agnes Flemming, Environmental Health Manager.

The Norfolk Department of Public Health has expanded mosquito control operations by fogging certain areas of the city, dependent on weather conditions, including wind less than 10 mph. Residents are urged to stay indoors when their areas are being fogged. A mosquito hotline – 683-2914 will be updated after 3:00 pm daily for residents about fogging and locations. Vector Control treats standing water before larvae can emerge. Storm drains have already been treated several times this season and will continue.

The Virginia Department of Health recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys and fill in any holes in the yard left by downed trees.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.
- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent products with no more than 50 percent DEET for adults and no more than 30 percent for children. Follow instructions when using insect repellents.

For more information on mosquito control or to report areas of potential mosquito breeding call Norfolk Vector Control at 683-2840. For information on arboviruses, log onto the Virginia Department of Health Web site at

[http://vdhweb/WHC/vdh\\_template\\_local/ZEEpageInternal.asp](http://vdhweb/WHC/vdh_template_local/ZEEpageInternal.asp)

## **COMMUNITY ISSUES ASSESSMENT – YOU HAVE A VOICE!**

Dear Civic League President –

Virginia Cooperative Extension in the City of Norfolk is participating in a statewide, Community Issues Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to identify the needs and issues facing individuals and community with input from local leaders and citizens alike. We are in the process of identifying key individuals within the community and would like your input in this assessment process.

The Extension Leadership Council, an advisory group to the Norfolk Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension, invites you to be a part of this process by being willing to complete a survey currently being developed by the Council. This is your opportunity to tell us about your community, your interests, and needs. If you would like to participate, please contact Lynnette Swanson, Extension Agent for the Norfolk Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at 683-2816. We look forward to working with you toward a healthier community.

## ***BOOKS & BREW: FRIENDS HOLD HAPPY HOUR DURING LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE***

The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library will hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Books and Brew Happy Hour* at Kirn Memorial Library on Friday, October 15 from 5:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. During *Books & Brew*, residents can browse for books at the Friends' Used Book Sale while enjoying live music, libations, and nibbles. Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and may be purchased from members of the Friends, at Kirn Memorial Library, or at the Pretlow, Lafayette and Larchmont branch libraries.

"This year's event will be even bigger than last year's event," says *Books & Brew* Co-Chairwoman Jody Benedict. "Like last year, baskets brimming with goodies will again be raffled off at \$1 per chance. But unlike last year, the party will take place on both the first and second floors of the library," adds Benedict. A fantastic live band will supply the music and patrons can purchase drinks and raffle chances on the first floor of the Library. On the second floor, guests can enjoy Starbucks Coffee and desserts from the Cheesecake Factory, both courtesy of the MacArthur Center locations.

Also new this year is the food supplier. Creative Catering of Virginia has generously agreed to donate all of the food for *Books and Brew*. Poised to become the premier caterer in Hampton Roads, Creative Catering of Virginia has catered numerous parties for Armada Hoffer and Divaris Real Estate as well as the openings for Town Center and Galyans Sporting Goods in Virginia Beach. The company also provides catering services for private aircrafts and their passengers. Both the cast of Friends and the Charlotte Hornets have enjoyed Creative Catering's cuisine. In the true spirit of bipartisanship, the company has served both Nancy Reagan and John Kerry. In fact, Creative Catering recently sent Mrs. Reagan a smoked ham for Thanksgiving.

For those who can't attend the happy hour, the Used Book Sale is still an option. Thousand of used books will be sold at bargain prices. The sale dates have been extended

again this year. The sale will run from: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 15; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16; 1:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17; 10:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18; and 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m on Tuesday, October 19. A Preview Night for Friends members will be held on Thursday, October 14 from 4:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m. Join at the door and become a member of the Friends for as little as \$15.

Proceeds from these events benefit the Norfolk Public Library. Kirn Memorial Library is located at 301 E. City Hall Avenue in downtown Norfolk. Parking will be validated for the MacArthur Center South garage for three free hours. Bring your ticket to the library for validation. Call 664-READ for more information.

## **NORFOLK HAS A BIG STAKE IN NEW CAR TAX DISCUSSIONS**

Changes to the state's formula for distribution of the car tax may significantly impact the City. SB 5005, which was passed in 2004, will require local governments to convert their reimbursement into a new state-subsidized tax rate beginning in FY 2006.

The legislature, in order to create a state savings of \$277 million from the program, has eliminated all state reimbursements in the final quarter of fiscal year 2006; or stated another way, the state has budgeted only \$720 million for reimbursements in FY 2006. Beginning in FY 2007, and for each year thereafter, the state will appropriate \$950 million to localities. This shortfall in FY 2006 creates a cash flow problem for many localities, especially those that assess and bill the tax in the spring or the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. SB 5005's legislation does not provide for the repayment of the outstanding \$230 million from FY 2006. Norfolk's estimated reimbursement from the state for FY2006 would have been \$16 million before this change.

The members of the Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs have expressed their chagrin about this issue. There is one provision of the new law that provides a potential measure of relief for Norfolk and other municipalities. This provision requires VML and VACo, working with the Office of the Governor, to offer legislation in 2005 that would identify potential remedies to the cash flow and reimbursement problems resulting from the changes adopted in SB 5005. Preliminary meetings between VML, VACo and the administration have already begun. Discussion with the full City Council on this issue is planned for October. At that time, we will review proposed alternatives/fixes to address the issues created in the 2005 General Assembly session.

## **HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT TO INSTALL BICYCLE RACKS ON TRANSIT BUSES**

Installing bicycles racks on transit buses has been proven in other cities to increase the opportunities for potential passengers to utilize the transit system, allows passengers to have easier access to the system, and accommodates the transport of bicycles for

customer convenience. On Thursday August 26th the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads (TDCHR) awarded a contract to Sportsworks for the purchase of 225 bike racks to be installed on all of Hampton Roads Transit's (HRT) fixed route buses. Funding for this project has been made available through the Governor's Congestion Mitigation Program and the Federal Transit Administration's capital grant program.

The racks will be installed over a three-month period and should be on all of the buses by the end of December. Streaming video and a How To guide will be placed on the HRT website as well as distributed throughout the area to educate potential passengers on the use of racks which have been designed for easy placement and removal. The racks are mounted on the front of the bus and will hold up to two bikes at one time.

## **GRANBY STREET CORRIDOR STUDY UNDERWAY**

The pace of downtown development has resulted in the City undertaking a study of the north Granby Street corridor. This project is needed to ensure that development; including development activity, which is now moving across Brambleton Avenue, is compatible and meets the City's long-term goals for a viable and sustainable downtown.

Our efforts to achieve these objectives will begin with assistance from Urban Design Associates on an analysis that will focus on the Granby Street corridor from the waterfront to the Harrison Opera House. The initiative is expected to kick-off with a charrette in mid-October. Tidewater Community College will be a major participant in this effort and is sharing in the study's cost.

## **RICHMOND BRAVES USE HARBOR PARK AS TEMPORARY HOME FIELD**

The Richmond Braves home stadium, the Diamond, is unusable as a result of drainage and piping issues. Drainage issues at the stadium have been identified as a concern by the team for a number of years. The present situation has accelerated the deteriorating field conditions to the point that there are significant concerns regarding player safety. The difficulty in rescheduling games this late in the season caused the Braves to request to use Harbor Park last Saturday and again for this week's home stand that began on Tuesday versus the Durham Bulls. While the City received a small amount of revenue from this situation, it helps another Virginia city. The City charged the Richmond Braves \$500 a day for the use of our utilities associated with Saturday and Tuesday's games. Since Wednesday and

## **ATTUCKS THEATER CURTAIN RAISING GRAND RE-OPENING PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCED**

Three world-class performances are scheduled to re-open the historic and newly renovated Attucks Theatre during the third week of October. On October 16th, Attucks Theatre will welcome Preservation Hall Jazz Band. This famous house band of the French Quarter will leave you asking for seconds of its rich gumbo culture. It's jazz, but slightly slower, bubbling over with a whole lotta soul.

Making their Norfolk debut will be Balé Folclórico da Bahia on October 19th. Get set for fireworks and feats from Brazil. This 38-member troupe of dancers, singers and drummers spark the country's only professional folk dance company. An explosive celebration of Afro-Brazilian culture—a Bahian folkloric mix of slave dances, martial arts' capoeira, samba, and the world of Carnival. Performing to ecstatic crowds on four continents, these sensual, technically virtuosic dancers are accompanied onstage by amazing vocalists and some of the most sophisticated drumming you'll ever hear.

Closing the opening week celebration on October 21st will be Ladysmith Black Mambazo. Paul Simon's "Graceland" is credited with letting the world outside South Africa in on this heavenly harmonic wonder. Universally regarded as their country's cultural emissaries, the ten men of Grammy-winning Ladysmith Black Mambazo are national treasures. At the center: founder Joseph Shabalala and his powerful message of "Peace, Love, and Harmony." For more than 30 years, Mambazo has blended traditional South African rhythms and Zulu harmonies with gospel music, touching audiences of every imaginable religion, ethnicity and culture.

Built in 1919 as a performing arts venue, the Attucks was also a showplace for movies, vaudeville, local talent and original plays. With the renovation near completion, these three opening week performances are the first of 10 to 15 performances for next year.

## **WHRO TO RADIOCAST ATTUCKS THEATRE'S GRAND OPENING**

Rob Cross and the Virginia Arts Festival have been able to secure the services of WHRO to radiocast the grand opening of the Attucks Theatre on October 16, 2004. City staff, over the next few weeks, will jointly work with WHRO's staff on the logistics of this live broadcast. Having the event on WHRO radio will not only help promote the grand opening, but it will also assist City staff with the long term marketing of the Attucks.

## **NEW DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT UNDER REVIEW**

A joint meeting of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Planning Commission and Design Review Committee discussed strategies for accommodating the confirmed and pending major development projects in Downtown without losing the elements which contribute to Norfolk's unique charm and appeal.

Mayor Paul Fraim, Councilmembers Anthony Burfoot, Don Williams and Barclay Winn along with several senior staff members were at the meeting.

Ray Gindroz of Urban Design Associates was the primary presenter and entitled the discussion “Downtown Norfolk: A New Era and a New Scale.” The presentation included a discussion on changes in Downtown in the last 30 years and the opportunities and challenges associated with new development. Ray’s presentation was followed by a discussion among the Board, Commission and Committee members on the principles that Norfolk needs to retain related to development projects that either are in the discussion stage, process of approval or have already been approved.

Projects identified during the meeting included: the City’s new parking garage, the 388 Boush Street condominiums; the Tazewell Place mixed use development; the Trader Publication building on Federal Square; and the Cruise Terminal at Nauticus. There was also discussion regarding the planning and design principles that should be reflected in the proposed hotel and conference center complex proposed for the BB&T site as well as the mixed use retail, parking and residential twin towers recently announced for the west side of Granby Street.

## **HRPD DISCUSSES REGIONAL TOLL STUDY**

The initial findings of the ongoing Regional Toll Analysis for major transportation projects in the region were presented at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in September. This consultant led effort was initiated after completion of the most recent update to the region’s long range transportation plan. A feasibility analysis was undertaken to determine if using toll financing is viable to advance several critically needed major transportation projects that currently do not have an identified funding stream from existing sources of revenue. The list of proposed projects included in the analysis are:

- Hampton Roads Third Crossing (both first phase and total project);
- Midtown Tunnel expansion, Martin Luther King Expressway extension;
- Route 460 between Hampton Roads and Petersburg; and
- Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt.

The study concluded that toll financing in general raises the total price of any particular project since all costs associated with the improvements need to be financed and carried during the construction period until the facility is completed and open to the public and revenues can then begin to be generated. Further, the analysis found that none of the identified projects can be developed as “stand alone” toll facilities since the revenue raised from tolls would be unable to repay the incurred debt. Instead, significant public funding will be required to supplement toll revenues in order for any of the studied projects to be successful.

The project team also discussed subsequent phases of the analysis that will examine the feasibility of combining several of the projects into a system of toll facilities to help support each other. This analysis will also examine the feasibility of supplementing revenues collected from tolls with other potential revenue sources.

## **MARITIME PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS MEET IN NORFOLK**

You have seen them on the History Channel, the National Geographic's Show and C-Span, and probably read about their adventures and accomplishments in Soundings and Chesapeake Bay. Now they are coming to Hampton Roads to the largest maritime heritage conference ever held. The world's top maritime professionals and amateurs get together every three years. They will be at the Sheraton Waterside, Norfolk, Virginia from October 27 to 30. You are invited to attend the Seventh Maritime Heritage Conference. You may attend the entire conference or pick the day that interests you the most. Even better, be a volunteer and be part of the action. Volunteers receive free admission, snacks and a t-shirt.

Listen to the exploits of James Delgado host of National Geographic's International TV series, Peter Stanford the founder of Sea History magazine, Nat Philbrick the author of Sea of Glory: America's Voyage of Discovery – The U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842, Captain Michael Watson, President of the American Pilots' Associations, Leon Poindexter, the shipwright that modified the HMS Rose to be used in the movie 'Master and Commander' and many more. Join the folks from the U.S. Lighthouse Society, U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association and the Museum Small Craft Association (just to name three co-hosting organizations) at the three receptions and hear how they have rehabbed lighthouses, life-saving stations and historic small craft. Listen to the music of sea chanters and the rhymes of maritime poetry. Ride the Spirit of Norfolk to the site of the battle of ironclads and then see the remains of the USS Monitor at the Mariner's Museum. See the Lafayette Boat Building School build a sailboat in the lobby of the hotel.

The entire conference brochure and registration form is online at <http://www.nauticus.org/MHConference.html>. Call Mary Mosier, Hampton Roads Naval Museum, at 438-3803 or [mmosier@nsn.cmar.navy.mil](mailto:mmosier@nsn.cmar.navy.mil) to get a hardcopy brochure or if you are interested in volunteering. Active duty military receive a reduced registration fee.

## **THE CRADLE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE**

C.I. Publishing in partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Kroger Stores are collaborating to promote agriculture in Virginia. The partnership has published the Best of Virginia Farms Cookbook and Tour Book, which focuses not only on how to prepare foods grown in Virginia, but also places an emphasis on agriculture tourism in the state.

This emphasis on the State's agriculture tourism industry provides unique opportunities for Norfolk. Our close proximity to sites highlighted in the book can result in positive spin-offs that will benefit the local hospitality industry as well as increase tax revenues generated by tourism.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION**

As part of its ongoing efforts to facilitate communication with civic leagues, the Division of Neighborhood Services is contacting all civic league presidents to update civic league registration information with the Division of Neighborhood Services. The updated information list will provide an updated listing of current officers as well as the boundary lines for each civic league. Information received will provide a current updated listing of civic league information to city departments and the community at large. Staff support for this project includes the two master degree interns from Norfolk State University.

As part of this effort, the Division is offering signs to publicize meetings to registered civic leagues. The first of these signs will be distributed during Good Neighbor Week in October.

## **ARCHEOLOGIST WRAP UP DIG AT DIXIE JUTE SITE**

As the archeological survey on the old Dixie Manufacturing site is completed, demolition of the site continues. Donnie Sadler, project manager-archaeologist has reported that the dig exceeded the team's expectations. The team discovered the "ravelin" or earthen fortification and palisade that were the objective of the excavation. In addition, artifacts were uncovered including pieces of pottery from the period (Circa 1810-1850), beer bottles, and the bottom of a French wine bottle found in a well dating to the late 1700s which was apparently sealed and covered when the "ravelin" was constructed. The artifacts are presently being processed and undergoing further study.

It is anticipated that the City will receive a report on the site work from the archeological team in November. At this time, no determination has been made regarding the future of the artifacts collected on the site.

In preparation for the construction of the CCRC which will begin in October, test pilings for the CCRC will be dug beginning next week, weather permitting.

## **REAL ESTATE RECEIVABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CITY TREASURER'S WEBSITE**

Norfolk City Treasurer, Thomas W. Moss, Jr., is pleased to announce the addition of Real Estate receivable information to his web site. This service provides taxpayers and



other organizations such as title Companies fast and reliable information on current and delinquent real estate tax amounts due. With a street address or a real estate account number, individuals can now look up the tax due information on any property in the city all from the comfort of their own personal computer. The information is updated nightly to reflect the most recent payments. Please visit the home page of Thomas W. Moss, Jr., Norfolk City Treasurer, and take advantage of this powerful tool; if you have further questions about this service, please call the Treasurer's Office at 664-7800.

## **DEMAND FOR DESIGN CENTER'S SERVICES EXCEED EXPECTATIONS**

The interest in the services provided by the Norfolk Design and Resource Center has exceeded the projected demand since the facility opened in March of this year. Staff attributes some of the surge in requests to an article in the Norfolk Quarterly. To handle the backlog of requests, we have redeployed staff to do drawings and are using university-trained interns to answer simple questions. The use of the Plan Book currently under development will also help residents answer general questions.

A report of the Center's activities from March 1st through September 1st is included in this week's Council packet. The most popular services requested to date are for design/specifications, renovations/remodels and room additions. Even though the initial demand for services has exceeded projections through the first six months, staff is continuing to refine marketing and communication strategies for the Design Center. Staff is in the process of developing a marketing program that will incorporate a number of different strategies. A program brochure and relocation package is in the development stage with the goal of producing 2,000 copies and will be available November 15, 2004. This material piece will be supplemented by three promotional events as well as a speaker's bureau that will outreach to civic leagues and other community groups. We will be careful to not have our marketing outpace our capabilities.

The Design Center by all accounts is going to be a success for the City and our efforts to improve the existing housing stock.

## **CITY LIVING, NORFOLK STYLE LECTURE SERIES**

The Norfolk Neighborhood Design and Resource Center, together with the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, is sponsoring a series of lectures that cover various aspects of housing, preservation, design, remodeling and renovation in Norfolk. Join us the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the evening.

October 21, 2004, 7 pm. **The Painted Ladies-A Closer Look at the Victorian Style** -  
Speaker: Greg Rutledge, Hanbury, Evans, Wright and Vlattas

The Victorian architectural period mostly spans the period of roughly 1825-1900. The Victorians drew deeply from history, nature, geometry, theory, and personal inspiration to create their designs. The Victorian style builds on the Carpenter Gothic cottages abundant in early rail-served resorts. Although exotic Victorian houses incorporating Eastlake, Queen Anne, and Italianate details grew in popularity, folk-based Victorian houses flourished in this region.

Painted Ladies, you still see them in nearly every town that has been around since the 19th century. They are the Victorian architecture, especially the Queen Anne, style homes painted in multiple colors. Queen Anne's are the most elaborate of the Victorian architectural styles. Their name came from the famous colored Victorian houses that helped transform several communities in San Francisco.

ADMISSION: FREE and Open to the Public.

Neighborhood Design and Resource Center

111 Granby Street, Norfolk

Andrew Northcutt at 664-6784 or [andrew.northcutt@norfolk.gov](mailto:andrew.northcutt@norfolk.gov)

# CITY UPDATES

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## CHRYSLER HALL

**Cats Roars at the Box Office.** The Best of Broadway's production of CATS at Chrysler Hall was well received by the public with total paid attendance of 9,704. Total revenue, including admission taxes for the eight (8) performances was \$162,230.83. CATS' net revenue after all expenses were paid was \$107,508.31. The net revenue figures were in line with our projections.

*42nd Street* will appear in November and the Tony Award winning *Moving Out* in December. Shows scheduled for the second half of the fiscal year includes *The Graduate*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Riverdance*, and *Evita* in June. The *Lion King* will have an extended stay in Chrysler Hall in December 5. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

## CHRYSLER MUSEUM

**Chrysler Museum Subleases Space.** The Chrysler Museum has agreed to a temporary sublease of space in the Freemason Street Reception Center to the developers of St. Paul's Place. The developer, Wermers Development, is locating a temporary sales desk and representative in the building until their model unit is open for viewing. Wermers Development is paying the Museum \$500 a month with a minimum payment of \$2,500.

As part of the agreement, the sales desk must not interfere with visitors and is only open during the time period that the Center is open to the public.

## HISTORIC HOUSES - HERITAGE MUSEUM

### *Fall Art Workshops for Children (6 to 12 year olds) at the Hermitage:*

There is still time to register for these great short workshops at the Visual Art School at the Hermitage Foundation Museum in Norfolk, where the emphasis is on having fun while learning, and parents are welcome to stay and share in the fun. See [www.hermitagefoundation.org](http://www.hermitagefoundation.org) for call 423-2052 for details and registration forms.

1. MUDDY MAYHEM, a two part workshop where kids learn to make lots of clay objects to use or wear during the upcoming spooky holiday. October 9 & 16
2. TURKEY TIME, another two part workshop where kids learn to make holiday items. November 6 & 13
3. ART AND NATURE QUEST, a class that explores art with nature as the focus. November 6 & 13
4. MAKING PRESENTS, (No parents allowed here!) A two part workshop where kids make secret original clay presents for family members. November 20 & December 4

The Hermitage Foundation Museum~7637 North Shore Road~Norfolk,

### *Fall Workshops for Adults and Teens at the Hermitage:*

There is still time to register for these great short classes at the Visual Art School at the Hermitage Foundation Museum in Norfolk. Visit our site at [www.hermitagefoundation.org](http://www.hermitagefoundation.org) or call 423-2052 for details and registration forms.

1. CHINESE AND JAPANESE STYLE PAINTING, a class to learn Oriental painting
2. on rice paper with bamboo brushes. October 21 through November 11 (4 weeks)
3. GARDEN SCULPTURE in Clay for High Schoolers and Adults. A two part workshop using the gardens and grounds of the Hermitage for inspiration. October 23 & 30.

4. TUDOR TILES, Hand building in Clay. This two part workshop includes an Architectural Tour of the Hermitage Foundation Museum for inspiration and sketching. November 6 & 13
5. ART AND NATURE QUEST for Teens (12-17) Exploring Art with Nature as the Focus. November 6 & 13

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**Virginia Waste Management Board Appointment** - Councilmember Don Williams has been appointed to the Virginia Waste Management Board by Governor Mark Warner. The Virginia Waste Management Board maintains the Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Regulations that are designed to continue the effective monitoring of the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste in the Commonwealth.

**Commission to End Homelessness Holds First Meeting** – Mayor Paul Fraim as chairman and Vice Mayor Daun Hester as vice chair recently convened the first meeting of the newly-appointed Commission to End Homelessness. The Commission started on its mission to develop and guide the execution of a set of workable implementation strategies to end homelessness in the City of Norfolk in the next ten years.

The Commission's initial tasks focused on becoming familiar with the definition of homeless and the extent of the situation facing Norfolk. The members also accepted the formation of five suggested Commission Subcommittees including: Housing Continuum, Support Services/Intervention, Public Education/Awareness/Communication/Prevention, and Fund Raising/Financial Resources. The Commission also tentatively agreed to follow the Atlanta, Georgia Action Plan model in developing an Action Plan for Norfolk. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at 4:00 PM where the Commission members will make decisions regarding how to define and measure success, finalize the categories and membership of the subcommittees, and begin work on the Action Plan.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES:**

### **Pretlow Library**

- This facility will be 30,000 square feet and probably the most used City building.
- The process has included a complete redesign to ensure that architectural components are compatible with the Ocean View area.
- Once the exterior façade materials are refined, the plans will be presented to the public.

- While the new facility is under construction, the temporary library will be located at 120 Balview Avenue.
- First Floor Highlights—the meeting area will be accessible when the library is closed; space is provided for the Ocean View Station Museum; there will be 40 computers located in common areas; adequate seating will be provided throughout the facility; and a cyber library will be incorporated in the young adult section of the library.
- The 10,000 square foot second level will be the children's area with distinct activities for different age groups. Study/meeting rooms will also be incorporated and dispersed throughout the second floor.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

James Talbot, Deputy Director the Office Emergency Preparedness and Response has been chosen as one of seven International Speakers at the Norfolk County United Kingdom Annual Disaster Preparedness Conference, held in Norwich, England. The conference will take place from October 4th through October 6th. This year's conference will focus on community resilience to disaster and highlight actions which can be taken to mitigate the consequences as well as prepare in advance to aid recovery and remediation.

The conference committee expressed a desire to examine how the United States prepares for major weather events such as hurricanes. Contact was made with the National Hurricane Center in Miami requesting recommendations for an emergency management person with knowledge of weather related events and emergency planning. Given Jim's reputation, both the national and state center recommended him to represent the United States. Jim's expenses will be paid by the conference sponsor.

## **FINANCE**

Municipal Bond Commission Meeting. The Department of Finance held its annual Municipal Bond Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2004. The Commission members reviewed the City's debt issuances for FY- 2004, along with planned debt issuances for FY-2005. The following planned bond issues for FY-2005 were unanimously approved by the Commission:

- \$11,100,000 Wastewater General Obligation (VRA) Utility Bonds, September 2004;

- \$17,000,000 Water Utility Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), September 2004;
- \$16,250,000 Planned Parking System Revenue Bonds, October 2004;
- \$59,320,000 General Obligation CIP Bonds, January/February 2005; and
- \$30,800,000 Planned Water Utility System Revenue Debt, January/February 2005.

The Commission commended the City on the results of its March 3, 2004 General Obligation Refunding Bonds that created a net present value savings of approximately \$6.9 million or 7.022% of refunded par.

**First Grants Symposium Reaches Target Audience.** The first of four grant symposiums scheduled for this fiscal year took place on Wednesday at Nauticus. The symposiums, which are being offered by the Office of Grants Management, had over fifty (50) individuals representing community based organizations from throughout Norfolk. Susan Mesland, the guest speaker from Tidewater Community College (TCC), spoke on "Winning Grant Techniques".

Participants overwhelmingly indicated that they would like the City to provide more training of this type in the future. The next symposium is scheduled for November 2004; where staff will continue to place an emphasis on how CBO's can write successful grants to help support the programs and services they provide to the community.

**Sale of Former Norfolk Community Hospital.** The sale of the former Norfolk Community Hospital has now been completed. The proceeds from the sale have been placed in the Land Acquisition Revolving Fund as identified in the FY 05 Budget.

**Bond Financing.** The City awarded a bid to SunTrust Bank for \$17 million in Water Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes. The notes carry an interest rate of 2.19% and mature on June 29, 2005. The notes are callable at anytime without penalty and will be financed permanently later this fiscal year with the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds.

**City Closes Escrow on Former Jewish Community Center Property.** The City closed escrow on the former Jewish Community Center property on Wednesday. Prior to closing, staff had already started maintenance activities including painting of interior buildings on the sixteen (16) acre site.

## **FIRE AND RESCUE**

Norfolk Fire-Rescue in collaboration with the Portsmouth Fire Department hosted 12 firefighters from Belgium and three firefighters from the Netherlands recently. The firefighters are gathering information on best practices in American fire service operations for potential implementation in their own countries. All members of the

delegation were taken on tours of Norfolk's fire training center, fleet maintenance facility, Emergency Operations Center as well as similar facilities in Portsmouth.

This is the latest visit we have had from firefighters from other nations. In August we hosted a fire officer from France who writes for a fire service trade journal there, and Norfolk Fire-Rescue will be featured in a future issue. In July we hosted an assistant chief/EMS program manager from Hamilton, Ontario who was studying the merger of the fire department and EMS system that took place here in Norfolk in 1991.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

**New TV48 show explores social issues in Norfolk .** The Norfolk Department of Human Services has launched a new half-hour series called Human Services Forum. The show airs Thursdays at 8:30am and 8:00pm on the Norfolk Neighborhood Network, Channel 48. Human Services Forum is hosted by Jan Callaghan and offers a fresh and in-depth look into the social issues that affect our community. Some topic examples are as follows:

- Efforts to better protect our most vulnerable citizens from abuse and neglect.
- The facts about foster and adoptive parenting.
- How to find quality childcare.
- New initiatives in public assistance.
- Job skills training.
- Homelessness.

**SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS.** The Department of Human Services offers free presentations to groups and organizations about its many programs and services:

- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Services/The Center for Aging
- Child Care
- Child Protective Services
- Foster Care and Adoption
- Juvenile Detention
- Public Assistance Programs

Presentations can be tailored to your organization's needs and may include a 12-minute video overview of the agency's role in the community, citizens' resource information and brochures on a variety of topics. Contact Jan Callaghan, Public Information and Education at 664-6020 [jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov](mailto:jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov) or Cori Waddington at 664-6108 [cori.waddington@norfolk.gov](mailto:cori.waddington@norfolk.gov) to schedule a speaker for your next event or meeting.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Classes Begin September 21, 2004. The Norfolk Department of Human Services stresses the continuing need for Foster and Adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home. Our curriculum for pre-service foster parent training incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The state-mandated P.R.I.D.E. (Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- Working as a member of a professional team

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, please call Nancy Brock with HomeFinders at 757-664-6079. Right now, children are waiting for a place they can call home. Foster and adoptive parent training classes take place at the Norfolk Department of Human Services, 220 W. Brambleton Ave. Additional information about foster and adoptive parenting can be viewed online at

[www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp)

**A New Resource for the Disabled and their Caregivers.** The Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities is offering brochures to citizens or organizations in need of new and updated resource information. The Commission's goal is to increase awareness of disability issues, develop laws affecting disabled citizens, ensure that all facilities are accessible to citizens with disabilities, promote employment opportunities, and assist with public transportation.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Senior Center, 924 W. 21st St. Meetings are open to the public. For more information or to order brochures, contact the Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 625-5857 or the Norfolk Department of Human Services, Public Information and Education at 664-6020.

**Child Care Program.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services' Child Care Program aids eligible families in the arrangement and/or purchase of childcare for their children. The program helps promote; parental choice and consumer education, activities to enhance health and safety standards established by the state, and activities to increase and enhance childcare and early childhood development. To determine eligibility for Child Care:

1. Apply at any of the local department agencies.



2. Call the information line at 664-6175.
3. Go online at [www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening). Our ACCESS program allows you to determine your potential eligibility for childcare or assistance programs with the click of the mouse.

**Combating Domestic Violence.** Get valuable information to those at risk of, or victimized by, domestic violence. The Department of Human Services has produced Domestic Violence Safety Cards – miniature brochures with valuable information on who to call in an emergency, where to go for confidential counseling, and how to create a “safety plan.”

Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to provide these safety cards to customers and/or employees in foyers, informational displays or in discreet locations such as restrooms. Domestic Violence Safety Cards and display holders are readily available. Contact Cori Waddington, at 664-6108, [cori.waddington@norfolk.gov](mailto:cori.waddington@norfolk.gov) or Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education, at 664-6020. [jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov](mailto:jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov)

**ACCESS-** Online Prescreening for Public Assistance. The Norfolk Department of Human Services offers an easy, convenient, and discreet way for Norfolk citizens to determine whether they may qualify for public assistance benefits. The online program – called ACCESS – allows individuals to anonymously screen themselves for a variety of federal, state and local assistance programs based on their family size and income. ACCESS is available on the City of Norfolk website at [www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening). All 12 of the Norfolk Public Library’s branch locations offer free public Internet access and librarians are available to assist citizens in navigating the site. Informational brochures are available to local agencies, centers, churches and civic organizations at no cost. Please contact Jan Callaghan, Programs Manager for Public Information and Education, at 757-664-6020 for more information.

**Child Abuse Prevention Flyers.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services offers free informational flyers on how to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect, helpful tips and resources for stressed-out parents, and how and where to report suspected child mistreatment.

If your company or organization would like to help get the word out about Child Abuse Prevention, contact Jan Callaghan at 664-6020, or Cori Waddington, at 664-6108.

## **LIBRARIES**

**Norfolk Public Libraries celebrates 100 years of free service with special programs**

In 1904 Norfolk Public Norfolk Public Library became the first and oldest free library in Virginia. This year the Library marks 100 years of free service with several exciting events:

- **Books & Brew.** 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, October 15. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 E. City Hall Avenue, Norfolk Celebrate at the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library 2nd Annual Happy Hour. Browse the Used Book Sale bargains and enjoy live music, libations and nibbles. Baskets brimming with goodies will be raffled off for \$1 per chance. Purchase tickets at Kirn Memorial Library or Lafayette, Larchmont, Van Wyck, and Pretlow branches. Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.
- **Family Place:** This fall, Norfolk Public Library will open its first center for early childhood information, parent education, socialization and family support. This center will offer interactive play zones, parent-child workshops, and a collection of books, videos and other materials to help parents. The 1-2-3, Grow with Me: Parent-Child Workshop is a key component of Family Place. This workshop is a five-week program for children ages 1-3 years-old and their families. The series brings toddlers and their parents together in an informal interactive setting. The meeting area is set up like a playroom featuring developmentally appropriate toys, books, and art activities. There are no podiums or speakers. Knowledgeable, resource professionals will circulate and talk to parents one on one about their needs and concerns. Check out the date and time for the next Parent-Child Workshop.

Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

1-2-3 Grow with Me: Parent Child Workshop

Kirn Memorial Library, 301 E. City Hall Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23510

You must register to attend. Spaces are limited so call 664-READ ext. 43747 and register today. The workshop will meet for 5 Saturdays and will cover the following topics:

\*Nutrition, \*Child Development and Play, \*Speech, \*Language and Reading, and  
\*Physical Fitness and Movement.

- **Clifford Visits Norfolk Public Library!** Monday, November 15- Sunday, November 21 Join the lovable Big Red Dog Clifford for stories, crafts, and more. Bring your camera and take a picture. \* Clifford will visit several branches. Check with your branch or our web site, [www.npl.lib.va.us](http://www.npl.lib.va.us), for exact dates and times.
- **100th Anniversary Grand Celebration and Open House.** 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21. Kirn Memorial Library. Don't miss this celebration. Join more and us. Learn about our future, our new Family Place Initiative, new anchor branch, and early literacy programs for parents and/or kids.

Mark your calendar and join us for these special events. For more information, call 664-READ.

**Taking Joint Steps to Close the Reading Achievement Gap.** The most recent collaboration between Norfolk Public Schools and the Urban League of South Hampton Roads is the dissemination of a “Read and Rise” handbook to the families of each NPS child in Pre-Kindergarten through third grade. The Department of Compensatory Education Programs continues the long-standing partnership with the Urban League of South Hampton Roads to provide families with the tools to close the reading achievement gap that exist in Norfolk Public Schools between racial groups and among socio-economic levels.

The colorful booklets guide families through the steps of building fluency, comprehension and an appreciation of reading from letter recognition through non-fictional exploration. Norfolk Public Schools, known for powerful community partnerships, is the perfect source for getting this booklet into the hands of families. The booklets will be sent to each Norfolk elementary school and early childhood center during the first two weeks of school. Children will bring them home with a cover letter.

According to former school superintendent John O. Simpson, home, community, and school collaboration is the key to moving Norfolk Public Schools to world class status and producing graduates that are sought after for world class post-secondary opportunities.

For further information on this collaboration, please call Gloria P. Hagans, Senior Director of Compensatory Education Programs at 757-628-3944 or Gabrielle Peltier, Parent Involvement Specialist at 757-628-2497.

For more information, call your child’s Norfolk public school or the Department of Compensatory Education Programs at 628-3921.

**Library Working Collaboratively With Schools to Create a City of Readers.** The “Creating a City of Readers...Read-A-Thon”, a partnership between the Norfolk Public Library and Norfolk Public Schools, ran between September 7 and September 30. This collaborative effort, in addition to providing new books for the Library’s children collection, promotes reading among Norfolk’s students and their families.

More than 10,000 Norfolk Public School students participated in the 2003 “Read-A-Thon” by reading for a total of 5,721,895 minutes. This was an increase of 59,744 minutes over 2002 and was achieved despite the disruption to the school schedule caused by Hurricane Isabel. The ten elementary and middle schools this year with the greatest number of reading minutes accumulated will win the right to hang the distinguished reading banner in front of their buildings. These schools are also recognized with nameplates inside the books donated to the library by our generous sponsors, the Virginian-Pilot and Boise Cascade Office Products. Previous “Read-A-Thons” have resulted in more than 5,000 books being donated to the Library.

## NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

**Reading in Norfolk.** Over 400 young Norfolk readers, attending summer programs at the various recreation centers have achieved or surpassed the goal of reading 25 books! The children were recognized and rewarded with an end of the summer party at Huntersville Pool with food, swimming and activities in the gym.

**The Therapeutic Recreation Center** staffing will be changing in the fall. Out of 12 possible filled positions, there will be only 4 filled/active positions available in the fall. Out of the 8 vacancies, the following 3 positions are not filled: Senior Recreation Supervisor II, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (PT), and Instructor (PT). The other 5 positions are filled, but not fully active during the fall due to the following reasons: the full time driver/instructor is out on medical leave, the part time Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist staff will be out on maternity leave, 1 part time Recreation Aid/Instructor staff will be out for knee surgery, 1 part time instructor staff will return to teaching at Granby and is only available evenings and weekends, and 1 part time instructor staff will return to taking college classes at O.D.U. and is only available occasional afternoons, evenings and weekends.

The following services will be rendered during the fall: all children's programs will be cancelled, 8 programs' class sizes will be decreased (most nearly cut in half), transportation routes will be decreased due to class sizes being decreased, and building coverage and office hours will be decreased (and on some days obsolete) due to staff covering programs. The following classes are those with decreased numbers: Ceramics - 16 spots to 8 spots, Aquacise I (Monday and Friday) - 20 spots to 13, Aquacise II - 16 spots to 12, Aqua Aerobics - 16 spots to 12 spots, Skill Building Bowling - 24 spots to 16, Mosaics - 12 spots to 7 spots, and Recreational Bowling - 12 spots to 8.

#### Webpage Update

The Therapeutic Recreation staff put the finishing touch on the center's webpage with a staff photo. The webpage provides detailed information about the programs offered to residents with physical, mental and developmental disabilities. [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov) and type therapeutic Recreation in the SEARCH box.

**Therapeutic Recreation Highlights.** It's Official --- The Day for the DisAbled will be Held! On the heels of the great success of the "2004 Day for the DisAbled at the Virginia Zoo," the regional participants have once again committed to hosting the 3rd annual "Day for the DisAbled" on May 28, 2005 at the Virginia Zoo.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION**

**Norfolk's Pattern Book Identified as a Valuable Resource.** The National Trust for Historic Preservation has requested permission to place the "Norfolk Pattern Book" in its "Solutions Database". The Pattern Book for Norfolk's Neighborhoods was submitted earlier this year for a National Preservation Honor Award given out by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Unfortunately, the Pattern Book did not receive this award; however, the National Trust found Norfolk's pattern book to be an insightful and useful tool towards preservation.

The Solutions Database is a database of preservation success stories compiled in the National Trust's Forum Online website. This is a password-protected website available only to National Trust Forum members. Making the Pattern Book available on the Forum On-Line website is another medium for national exposure for our city, the Pattern Book and the Come Home to Norfolk, Now campaign.

**Hotels, Motels and Rooming Houses to Undergo Annual Inspection.** In August, inspectors from Neighborhood Preservation began the annual inspection of hotels, motels and rooming houses. The inspections are conducted jointly with Zoning (the lead agency), Environmental Health, and Fire Prevention. The inspections are to be completed by the end of September.

**World Changers.** The final World Changers-related group finished its work on August 5, completing a most successful summer initiative. A total of 54 homes received assistance (some more than once) between July 21 and August 5, 2004. While cost totals are still preliminary, they should not exceed \$80,000. A total of 600 volunteers accomplished this work, giving over 21,000 hours at an approximate value in volunteer labor of \$415,170.

Plans are already underway for 2005 with projects currently projected for June 18-25 and July 16-23 (subject to change.) A third planned project has not yet been scheduled, but will probably be in the fall of 2005 to meet the ever rising demands of the people in need.

**National Night Out.** This year's National Night Out celebration proved to be a huge success. Even in inclement weather the Light up the Night Parade held in the Ballentine neighborhood on August 2 was a great success with over 150 community residents in attendance.

The Light up the Night community picnic at Lakewood Park in support of National Night Out drew a crowd of over 500 with lots of great entertainment, interesting exhibits, educational materials, fun activities and games for all age groups. Special thanks are extended to the planning committee, and especially Michelle Morsberger of the

Fairmount Park Civic League, for coordinating a successful event. A number of organizations held special community events throughout the month.

**One of the missions of Neighborhood and Leisure Services** is to help "grow" communities. The Neighborhood Services Division (NS) works with civic leagues and community groups to assist them with self-governance, increased cooperation and with critical communications.

One of the star programs of NS is the Neighborhood University program with over a dozen classes that help achieve healthy strong neighborhoods through three crucial steps 1) self-development, 2) community development, and 3) critical information to better communities. The classes range from Understanding Myers/Briggs Personality Classes to Basic Grant Writing to Understanding Environmental Codes. The classes are free to the public and are taught by volunteer leaders of the community.

**Neighborhood University.** Open registration for Neighborhood University's fall courses is successfully underway. Fundamentals of Neighborhood Leadership, Basic Grant Writing, and P.L.A.N.N. are seeing increased numbers of registrants and are quickly proving to be the most popular course offerings. Brochures and additional information on Neighborhood University fall courses can be obtained by calling 441-2400 or visiting the City of Norfolk, Neighborhood and Leisure Services, Division of Neighborhood Services web site: [www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp](http://www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp).

**Community News.** In an effort to support neighborhood program activities sponsored by civic league groups, Neighborhood Block Party Kits were distributed to Norview, River Oaks and Ocean View communities. The Block Party Kits contain complimentary picnic supplies (paper plates, cups, table cover, napkins, plastic cutlery and garbage bags). Civic league groups interested in obtaining complimentary Block Party Kits for their neighborhoods must register their civic league group with the Division of Neighborhood Services and fill out a Good Neighbor Block Party Kit application form. For more details, call 441-2400.

**Neighborhood Tool Kit.** The first draft of the Neighborhood Tool Kit has been completed, and work will now begin to coordinate and disseminate information to various City departments for their input and inclusion in this powerful neighborhood resource. The toolbox will include initiatives to help residents assess the physical and social characteristics of their neighborhoods and identify the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement. There are upcoming meetings scheduled with department heads to review the first draft and the Tool Kit is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

**Tenth Annual Berkley Reunion Celebration.** The City has provided organizers with a \$2,425 neighborhood grant to cover business license fees and additional lighting.

**Pre-School Summer Enrichment Graduation.** The Mama I Want to Read pre-school summer enrichment program aimed at providing reading and cultural activities for pre-school children in the Park Place area and surrounding communities ended on August 9. A total of 29 pre-school students (ages 3-4) enrolled in the program graduated and received certificates of completion for their participation. As an added surprise, parents of the students received certificates of appreciation for their support in bringing their children to the program. As a part of the cultural enrichment program, children also enjoyed weekly field trips every Friday that exposed them to a variety of fun and educational experiences throughout the Hampton Roads area. As a parting gift, each child received a bag of Disney – Winnie the Pooh Lessons from the Heart books worth \$50, encouraging parents to continue to read to their students daily.

**Huntersville Community Celebrates Annual Community Day.** The Huntersville Coalition comprised of the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center, Olde Huntersville Civic League, Hunter Square Mid-rise, and Union United Church of Christ held its Second Annual Community Day on Saturday, September 11, 2004, from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. An added surprise for attendees featured a generous donation of free school supplies to community children from Durte Music Production.

**Neighborhood Services Working to Build Strong Neighborhoods.** One of the continuing tasks of the Division of Neighborhood Services is to “put people together with people to get things done.” Recently, the Downtown Norfolk Council (DNC) Safety and Security Committee, which serves as the 1st Gold Sector Team, are searching for a way to quickly and accurately disseminate information to its members as a form of a “business watch”. Neighborhood Services Division staff was able to successfully organize a community partnership between the DNC Executive Director with the Crime Prevention Section of the Police Department for the use of their phone dialer in support of this process. All plans are now being finalized and the project.

**Volunteers Still Needed.** Anyone interested in volunteering to work in any of the Neighborhood Service Centers or other programs in the Division of Neighborhood Services should call (757) 441-2400 for further details.

**Paul Street Gallery Makes Headlines.** Paul Street Gallery, located in the Titustown Visual Arts and Recreation Center, was featured in the August 17, 2004 edition of the Portfolio Weekly. Photographs of three staff members and instructors were published along with a short description of the gallery’s highly regarded spring art show. The

quality of the works produced has resulted in the gallery being regularly mentioned in the “arts news” section of the *Virginian Pilot* and in the *Portfolio Weekly*.

**Norfolk Trolley Tours.** A total of 16 citizens participated in Norfolk’s Trolley Tour on August 14. This is a very popular initiative in the community that citizens thoroughly enjoy. The 16 citizens participating in this trolley tour braved poor weather conditions to attend and learn about some of Norfolk’s neighborhood history. Each Norfolk Trolley Tour includes a tour guide who points out historical landmarks and other points of interest to residents as they travel through selected areas of the city. Both new and long-term residents are very complimentary about the experience, where a waiting list is now customary. For more details about the Norfolk Trolley Tours, call 441-2400.

### **Berkley Neighborhood Service Center Honors Minnie G. Madrey**

A special proclamation honoring the late Mrs. Minnie G. Madrey, long time resident of Berkley and a Southside community activist was held at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 17th. In her memory, Mrs. Madrey’s sister, Mrs. Emma Gregg Harris & members of her family were recognized and presented with a plaque preceding the council docket. Mrs. Madrey was a very active community leader, advisory board president and activist for the Berkley Neighborhood Service Center, the Berkley Recreation Center, the Berkley Pool, Schools, as well as housing and education for the entire Southside community. Senator Yvonne Miller, Mayor Paul Fraim and City Council honored the activist for her many accomplishments and outstanding community service.

**Neighborhood Service Center administration partnered with Recreation’s Southside Senior Center** for a fun-filled “Senior Fish Fry” activity held at the Berkley Neighborhood Service Center on Friday, August 27. Over 65 seniors participated in their Annual Fish Fry activity complete with music, table games and lots of good food. The highlight of the activity was the surprise arrival of three program supporters astride Harley Davidson Motorcycles! The bikers volunteered to provide motorcycle rides on the center’s grounds to the seniors for their enjoyment. The three minute rides were very popular and seniors from 55 to 80+ years young stood in line to participate. To add to the appropriate ambiance, staff and volunteers dressed in 1970 attire.

### **Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center (LCNSC):**

The Little Creek Public Health Department provided immunizations to 120 children on August 18 in preparation for school enrollment. LCNSC administrative staff was invited to attend the Summer Employment Program Youth Recognition Luncheon at the Residence Inn Marriot. The LCNSC and the Stop Organization and Youth



Employment have had a great community relationship and strong partnership for the past 20 years.

**Vivian C. Mason Center Becomes Home to Theatre Company for the Second Year.**

The Church Street NuSenSaTions Youth Theatre Company meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Vivian C. Mason Arts & Technology Center, located at 700 E. Olney Road. The company provides a fun and enlightening theatre experience for youth 8 to 17 years old.

**Free Tutoring Available!** Anyone wishing to receive scholastic tutoring can attend free sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at the Vivian C. Mason Arts & Technology Center.

**Disney World Trip.** The Fairlawn Advisory Board organized a trip on August 16-20, 2004 which took 83 participants from the Crossroads, Fairlawn and Sherwood Recreation Centers to Disney World! The Norfolk crowd traveled by chartered bus, stayed at an Embassy Suites hotel and visited all four parks (Magical Kingdom, MGM Studio, Animal Kingdom and Epcot Center). On Friday August 20, 2004, a special tour, arranged through a youth program, showed how certain features of the park worked behind the scenes.

**Old Fashioned “Kickball Game” Celebrates Parks and Recreation Month.**

Crossroads Recreation Center buzzed with celebratory activity as an old fashioned Kickball Game challenge combined fantastic fun, good laughter, good spirit, high energy and great camaraderie. Competition included 72 children from six recreation centers who came together on Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. to “kick the ball” to victory! The first place winner was Sherwood Forest Center, second place winner Crossroads Center, and the third place winner Tarrellton Center.

**Fall and Norfolk Football!** Athletics began the 2005 football season on Saturday, September 11 with 80 teams registered in one of the following divisions: Junior Flag; Training (8-man tackle); Pee Wee; Midget; and Bantam. The season runs through the fall and ends with the popular “Championship Saturday” event on November 20, 2005. The Adult Flag Football Program began September 21 with 10 teams in the league this season.

**Boxing Update!** On Saturday, September 11, Team Norfolk Boxers traveled to Wilmington, North Carolina to compete in the Wilmington Amateur Boxing Invitational. Team Norfolk Boxers won seven competitions and lost only four! James Pope was selected as the Outstanding Boxer of this event.

PARKS AND URBAN FORESTRY

- The month of July was the 10th wettest month in history, dropping over 12 inches of rain on the Tidewater area. Division mowing crews fell behind schedule due to the saturated grounds and flooding in the low-lying areas from Hurricane Alex.
- The remnants of a tropical storm and Hurricane Charley left their marks on Norfolk as an additional 4-5 inches of rainfall accumulated in the area. With such ground saturation, the division will be working overtime to ensure that all city public schools are mowed and trimmed prior to the start of school. Crews are currently weeding flower and shrub beds since they are unable to mow with heavy equipment.

**School Grounds Became a Priority.** Over 1,300 acres of city property, almost half of the total publicly owned land in the City of Norfolk, received priority attention as Parks and Urban Forestry crews worked twelve-hour shifts to mow all schools and major city parks during the four day period preceding Labor Day weekend and the start of the Norfolk Public School year. The public and school staff noticed the extraordinary effort.

**Damages Equipment Update.** As reported previously, the DVD/Stereo and \$2,100 big screen TV donated to the center was damaged in a lightening strike through the cable connection. The equipment was diagnosed by Maurice TV to find out the extent of the damage and what it would cost to have them repaired. It has been determined that the DVD/Stereo would cost more than it is worth to fix, and the TV set will be repaired. A new DVD player will be purchased so the Favorite Flick Friday night events can resume as well as dance, chair exercises, and aerobic classes.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**Norfolk Teen Cultural Committee – 1st Annual Norfolk Teen Culture Fest.** It is full steam ahead for the 1st annual Norfolk Teen Culture Fest. The Norfolk Teen Cultural Committee met on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at Calvary Christian School System to continue planning, marketing and promoting ideas for the December 11, 2004 event organized for teens by teens. Division Director Elsie Harold made a television appearance on News Channel 3 – WTKR Sunday, August 29, 2004 and was featured on four early morning news segments. This provided an optimal forum to discuss the event and other Youth Development projects.

The Division of Youth Development is seeking cultural entertainment in the form of poetry acts, area pageant winners, bands, motivational speakers, solo and group musical performers, and local celebrities to participate in the upcoming Teen Culture Fest. If anyone would like to refer individuals/groups, please contact Clifton Russell at 441-2400 ext. 222.

Four Hundred SAVE THE DATE Cards Mailed. Last week 400 SAVE THE DATE cards were mailed out to youth care providers, youth and communities. The card serves as a reminder of the Teens + Norfolk + Culture + Fest = YOU “catch phrase.” Information was also included on the City’s website [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov)

**First National Campaign for YOUTH Advocacy Day.** On September 15 a Division of Youth Development team member attended the First National Campaign for YOUTH Advocacy Day held in Washington D.C. at the Renaissance Hotel. The day provided an opportunity for youth and youth advocates to talk about the many challenges of low-income youth and the issues affecting them in the presidential campaign and in the legislative arena. Also, featured was the President of Youth Development and Research Fund, Ed DeJesus as well surrogates from the presidential campaigns and a youth speaker. There was a review of policy issues currently in Congress that affect youth and an opportunity to visit Capitol Hill.

**Norfolk Afterschool Initiative – National League of Cities Site Visit.** Norfolk was selected by the National League on Cities’ Institute for Youth, Education, and Families to participate in the “Helping Municipalities Connect Education and Afterschool Initiatives Technical Assistance Project.” The Norfolk Afterschool Initiative and the Division of Youth Development announce that representatives from the National League of Cities (NLC) will be scheduled to visit Norfolk September 23 – 24. During the Norfolk site visit, NLC representatives will provide a wealth of information about the work of afterschool providers across the country. This event offers an exciting opportunity for Norfolk afterschool providers to not only take part in an innovative learning and networking experience, but to also have the opportunity to become a site on the “Show-Off Norfolk” afterschool program site tour. Afterschool providers will be selected based on submitted essays describing why they feel the National League of Cities and Norfolk officials should visit their afterschool program. Providers are encouraged to be creative, be entertaining, and be selected to help “Show-Off” Norfolk.

**Youth Conservation Corps does a great job this summer.** The Division of Neighborhood Preservation (CODES) sponsored a special recognition breakfast on in August in honor of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) workers to commemorate the great job they performed with the division this summer. This event has always been a highlighted occasion for partners to thank the YCC program for its commitment to provide dedicated young people with the opportunity to learn about the environment and the world of work.

The YCC summer job-training program concluded on August 13, with a celebration at the Radisson Hotel Norfolk. The event featured an award ceremony and

presentation, good food, and special musical performances from the male and female winner of the Right Choices for Youth “Breakin’ New Ground” competition.

**Back to School College Workshop-Review.** The Back to School College Workshop, held on August 19 at the Division of Youth Development was a great success! Students from area middle and high schools were introduced to college admission procedures, websites that offered free financial opportunities, class scheduling and goal setting techniques, and a fun “final exam.” Entertainment was provided by the Elite Drill Team from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia (Suffolk Unit) and good food that included an ice cream sundae. The day also featured Ms. Christine Damrose-Malman, a licensed professional counselor at Tidewater Community College (Norfolk Campus) and Dr. La Verne Parker-Diggs, Assistant City Manager, who stopped in to offer some words of encouragement to participants. The college workshop was a great opportunity for youth to learn the importance of pursuing a higher education that will reap great dividends in the future.

**Even Start Program-Presentation.** Young Norfolk mothers who are working toward their GED and trying to establish or reestablish themselves in the workforce attended the Even Start program that was held at Stuart Elementary School, on September 20th. Youth Development staff presented a session on how to access information or services that are available for youth and families in Norfolk. An interactive discussion included feedback on youth issues and what the participants felt needed to be addressed. Handouts complete with helpful hints and other valuable resources were distributed to students.

## **PARKING**

Phase I of Parking Garage Signage Installation Begins. The Division of Parking, as part of the City’s Identification and Wayfinding Initiative, will install new exterior garage signage beginning on August 16, 2004. Installation of new exterior signs is scheduled to occur between 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM at seven facilities including:

<u>Garage:</u>	<u>Installation Date:</u>
Waterside Garage	August 16, 2004
Commercial Place Garage	August 17, 2004
West Plume Street Garage	August 18, 2004
Town Point Garage	August 19, 2004
Boush Street Garage	August 23, 2004
Main Street Garage	August 24, 2004
City Hall South Garage	August 25, 2004

This initiative will greatly enhance the public's ability to access our downtown parking facilities.

## **POLICE**

Police Department Preparing for New School Year. The Police Department has been working with security personnel from NPS to coordinate appropriate security measures at our school sites. From the Police perspective, the five School Resource Officers (SROs) have returned to full-time duty at each of Norfolk's five public high schools. The officers will provide enhanced security and discipline in the schools.

The Department assigned additional uniformed patrols for the first week that will be present at all high and middle schools during the school day. In addition, both Police patrol divisions will assign personnel to address truancy issues as they occur.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### **Lambert's Point Golf Course**

- All major aspects of the course are now under contract and within the budget.
- The greens are all shaped and most of them have drainage, pea gravel, sand and loam mix installed.
- The irrigation systems will be tested the end of August.
- Bridge work is starting and the bridge will arrive in about 2 weeks for installation.
- SEVAC is the contractor for the clubhouse and driving range buildings.
- Memorial Day of 2005 is the approximate date for the grand opening of the course.

### **Jewish Community Center**

- The agreement between the City and JCC has been finalized and a deposit made.
- The Jewish Family Service Program is scheduled to move out September 15.
- Facility Maintenance staff will begin painting as needed.
- JCC will maintain the grounds until October 1, 2004.
- Currently, the security system for the building is under review. In the meantime, an off-duty police officer is there during the day and a security system is armed at night.
- Staff will hold a community meeting in 30 days to seek input on future programming for the facility.

### **Scope Renovations Update**

Twelve rehabilitation projects for the Scope Arena were presented to the committee. Renovations will begin in July starting with the sound system, lighting systems and the rigging grid/spot.

Sound System	\$ 750,000.00
Lighting System	\$1,000,000.00
Rigging Grid/Spot Platforms	\$ 500,000.00
Curtain System/Upper Bowl	\$1,000,000.00
Half House Curtain	\$ 500,000.00
Dressing Room Upgrades	\$ 500,000.00
Restroom Upgrades	\$2,000,000.00
Elevator Upgrades	\$ 520,000.00
Replace Fixed Seats	\$1,500,000.00
Security/Communications Upgrades	\$1,000,000.00
Replay Scoreboard	\$1,000,000.00
Hockey Dashers/Glass/Zamboni	\$ 200,000.00
Project Subtotal	\$17,240,000.00

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Second Phase of new Curbside Recycling Program Shows Positive Results.**

Phase II of the enhanced curbside recycling program was rolled out in July to approximately 12,000 more households, bringing the total number on the new program to 25,235. Initial reports from SPSA show dramatic increases in both the number of households participating and for waste diverted to recycling versus the disposal system.

Of all the eligible homes for the new program, an average of 53% put the new larger carts out for recycling collection in August. This was significantly higher than the participation rate of those using the smaller bins, which was only at 28%. In addition, the increased participation and the wider range of waste products accepted in the new program impact the quantity of waste diverted to recycling. In the enhanced "Big Easy" curbside areas, which represent 44% of the City, recycling tonnage was over 50% higher than those areas still on the 18-gallon bin collection.

The Department of Public Works and SPSA continue to plan the roll out of Phases III and IV, in January 2005 and Summer 2005 respectively.

**Temporary Relocation of Maury HS Recycling Center.** The Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) operates three recycling centers providing Norfolk residents another free option for the disposal of items such as aluminum cans, glass, plastics and newspapers.

The SPSA's drop-off recycling containers located at Maury High School, which collect over 230 tons of recycling material per year, are being temporarily relocated to the former Streets and Bridges property on Armistead Avenue. This relocation is required to create additional parking related to the construction activities at Blair Middle School.

As part of the center's temporary relocation, new signage will be erected at both the Maury High School site and Armistead Avenue site notifying the public of the change. In addition, a press release will be distributed to the media notifying the public about this change in service.

**City's Recycling Coordinator Invited to Thailand.** John Deuel, the City's Recycling Coordinator, participated in a University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's sponsored initiative in Thailand recently. Deuel's expertise in the area of community-based environmental management (CBEM) was brought to the attention of the University of Maryland after he provided a group of Thai and Philippine representatives visiting our area last spring with a presentation and tour on Norfolk's environmental programs.

Deuel participated in a three day "Solid Waste Management Study Tour" in Thachin, Thailand watershed as part of the visit. Currently, there is a three-way international partnership between agencies and organizations in the Thachin River in Thailand, Laguna de Bay in the Philippines, and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. The partnership's mission is to strengthen capabilities and share best practices in community-based environmental management (CBEM). Thailand and Philippines partnership with the Chesapeake Bay's program will enable each of these regions to strengthen the capabilities, and ultimately improve environmental conditions in their watersheds.

Deuel will also work with David Nemazie, a professor at the University of Maryland in providing ideas and monitor discussions on how the Philippines can improve their own waste management practices. The trip was funded by the Philippine government.

**Consultant Team to Assess Condition of City's Streets.** The City has hired Stantec Consultants to conduct an assessment of the City's street network beginning in August. The consultant will tour City streets assessing the condition of the pavement, the rideability, as well as provide each street with a rating. Stantec is a New York based firm, hired through a competitive RFP process.

The data accumulated from the study will enable City staff to update the pavement management system purchased almost seven years ago. Annual updates have been done by staff in Public Works' Division of Streets and Bridges, who drive 1/12 of our streets each month conducting visual inspections. The consultant's work will be the first update by the providers of the system since it was installed.

Stantec, as part of the data gathering phase, uses a modified van that enables more sophisticated and effective information-gathering. This large white van has gadgets on

top, shaded windows, and New York license plates that may be viewed as a curiosity by some of our residents while creating concerns for others. The data gathering is expected to take approximately two months.

**Towing Advisory Committee Convenes to Review Request for Rate Increase.** The Towing Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday with 10 City contracted tow companies to review a request for a rate increase. The companies are requesting an increase in the rate charged per tow to cover increasing costs primarily due to higher costs for fuel, insurance and rent.

Representatives from the towing industry provided testimony and presented documentation to support their request for a fee hike. At the conclusion of the meeting, Chief Marquis indicated that the Department will send out a request for specific information from tow companies on this issue. The Advisory Committee will meet with tow operators within a month after the data requested has been returned and analyzed to continue discussions on this issue.

**Norfolk Beach Protection Update.** Norfolk has begun a two-phase protection project to repair the sand dunes and beach damaged by Hurricane Isabel. The first phase started last week with a truck haul of approximately 37,000 cubic yards of sand to provide some emergency protection to three areas in Willoughby that lost most, if not all, of their sand dunes.

The replenishment starts with the most critical area east of 11th View and extending to 9th View. The second area is from 11th View to 13th View. The third area is mid-700 block of W. Ocean View Avenue to the east to a point that ties in to the existing remaining dune. The project will build a sand berm to elevation 8 feet (will be the same height as the dune that was constructed in the 800 block of W. Ocean View Avenue last year.

The first phase should take approximately 45-60 days to complete. During that time, the public access at 11th View will be closed due to the contractor gaining access at this site. Also, the city will access the beach at the old Harrison's Fishing Pier site which will assist in completing the area east of the 700 block.

The second phase of the project will commence after December 1st (due to permit restrictions related to the migration of sea turtles). This phase will involve beaches from central Ocean View all the way to 14th View Street and will involve building a dune to elevation 11 feet (sand will be added to the emergency berm that will be created starting Monday). Sand will come from the Thimble Shoal Channel and will be hydraulically pumped down the beach and shaped with bulldozers. More information will be provided on this phase in the next few weeks.

## **SCHOOLS**



**School Board Appoints Interim Superintendent.** The School Board unanimously selected Dr. Denise K. Schnitzer, Chief of Staff, to become Interim Superintendent. The appointment will be effective upon the retirement of Dr. John O. Simpson on Sept. 30 and last until a new Superintendent of Schools is hired. An official vote to confirm the selection will take place Monday morning, Aug. 30.

“It has long been a commitment of mine to ensure that Norfolk Public Schools offers the highest quality educational experiences to our students,” Schnitzer says. “It is truly an honor to serve as a leader for the team of dedicated education professionals working in Norfolk. My personal goal is to continue Dr. Simpson’s legacy of leading us to increase the quality of teaching and learning for all... and ALL means ALL!”

“The Board quickly realized that Dr. Schnitzer was the best choice for the interim position,” Chair of the School Board Dr. Theresa Whibley explains. “She has worked closely with Dr. Simpson over the last few years and we know she can continue to move the district forward as we search for a long-term replacement.”

“The School Board made an excellent selection,” current Superintendent of Schools John O. Simpson says. “Dr. Schnitzer has a long history of service with the district and clearly understands the current vision of moving Norfolk Public Schools along on its journey to world-class status. I am confident that she will be a strong, capable leader during this time of transition.”

Schnitzer started her career in education as an English teacher. She has worked for Norfolk Public Schools for 32 years. She spent 17 of those years as a teacher before moving into administration where she has held various posts including Senior Coordinator of Instruction and Curriculum Management, Chief Operations Officer, and, most recently, Chief of Staff.

**The Next Step In School Reform:** Norfolk Board Members Attend Graduate Course In Governance. Park City, Utah -- School board members from Norfolk Public Schools and 16 other large school districts have gone back to class for a graduate course in education reform as part of a nationwide effort to improve the country’s urban schools.

The Broad Institute for School Boards, a national training and support program for newly elected and appointed urban school board members founded by billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad, gave 34 graduates advanced training as part of the first Alumni Institute for Broad Fellows.

“This is the logical next step in urban school reform in this country,” Broad said. “The 60 largest urban school districts educate about 20 percent of America’s children. So if we are going to dramatically improve public education, we must dramatically improve the performance of school boards in those urban districts. School boards need more than just basic training in what it takes to be a reform board. That’s why we’ve started the Alumni Institute. Our most important school boards need advanced education in what it takes to get real reform results.”

## UTILITIES

**Department of Utilities Programs Win 3CMA Awards.** The City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) announced the results of the 2004 Savvy Competition at its annual conference held last week in Colorado. The Savvy Competition recognizes excellence in marketing campaigns for city and county governments across the country.

The Norfolk Department of Utilities received two Savvy awards by population in the 195,000 to 430,000 category for “Fight the Fat” and “About U”. “Fight the Fat” received the 3CMA Award of Excellence for Marketing Plans/Campaigns and was acknowledged for its creative concept in heightening the public aware of problems that result from pouring fat down drains. The City received a second 3CMA Award of

Excellence in the Printed Internal Newsletters category for its employee newsletter “About U”. The newsletter was acknowledged as a tremendous answer to internal communication through the use of an employee-led communication approach. This is the first time that the Utilities Department has received the prestigious Savvy Award, which we use as another measurement of our organization’s commitment to communicate successfully to Norfolk residents about issues that impact their lives.

### **City Joins Regional Campaign to Reduce Kitchen Grease in Sanitary Sewers.**

Abating kitchen grease in Norfolk’s sanitary sewers is the focus of the Department of Utilities’ successful “Fight the Fat” public awareness campaign. Grease is a major cause of sewer blockages not just in Norfolk, but also across the Hampton Roads region and in cities across the country. That’s why the Norfolk Department of Utilities has joined the other 15 Hampton Roads localities and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) in developing an awareness program aimed at reducing the amount of cooking-related grease in the region’s municipal sanitary sewer systems.

In order to determine appropriate marketing strategies, the HRPDC has hired Issues & Answers Network, Inc., a marketing research firm, to conduct a telephone survey of household food disposal habits in the region. The firm will also conduct several focus groups made up of restaurant managers and staff to determine the marketing strategies for that target group.

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## **SPOTLIGHT: HAMPTON ROADS NAVAL MUSEUM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**

Lord Nelson has been here. So have the famous print makers, Currier and Ives. FDR dropped by, as well as Mark Twain and Booker T. Washington. Lesser-known people like Nils Nielsen, USN, several WAVES and long-time residents of Church Street have livened up the gallery. After twenty-five years the Hampton Roads Naval Museum has hosted a list of great, near-great and not-so-great figures in its galleries. And what brought the illustrious, ordinary and notorious together? The story of the United States Navy in Hampton Roads.

In the 1970s the nation was celebrating two hundred years of growth, a continued experiment of, by and for the people. In Hampton Roads a group of far-sighted naval officers decided that the Navy's achievements in the area were important, important enough to commemorate in a permanent manner. They worked with the local navy community and presented a proposal to the Secretary of the Navy: a new naval museum highlighting the history of the Navy in southeastern Virginia. The request was approved, and on August 31, 1979 the Hampton Roads Naval Museum opened its doors at the historic Pennsylvania House on "Admiral's Row."

Pennsylvania House is one of the remaining state pavilions from the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. In 1979 it re-opened after years of refurbishment from its heady days as an officer's club. One museum staff member has a vivid memory of an old-timer swinging open the door to the building, walking in at a brisk pace, and then stopping cold in front of a Revolutionary War exhibit. "Where's the bar?" he asked.

In the early days the museum established the focus, which has always characterized its galleries and collections. The Battle off the Virginia Capes in 1781, the Duel of the Ironclads in 1861, the Great White Fleet and the Jamestown Exposition of 1907 and the Battle of the Atlantic in World War II were all centerpieces of the early exhibits, as they have remained to this day. Early curators began to assemble ship models and nineteenth-century prints: two areas that the museum collected fine pieces and thus established a graceful and important style. The museum gave a nod to modern entertainment taste by the utilization of fiber-optic map programs that outlined major events at sea.

Visitors during the museum's time on the Naval Station arrived, for the most part, via the Naval Base bus tour. 80,000 visitors per year was not an unexpected number at Pennsylvania House. These visitors viewed the permanent exhibits supplemented by special programs like "Currier and Ives Navy," an art show featuring the classic American prints. Numerous dignitaries from NATO commands and other countries were toured around the beautiful building, and the Navy decked out the museum's front lawn for many many changes of command in the spring, summer and fall.

Much of the research and collecting in the 1980s centered around the Civil War, appropriate since the site of the famous battle between the Federal and Confederate fleets in 1862 was visible from the museum's front door. The permanent exhibit about the Civil

War in Hampton Roads, designed by the distinguished museum designer Chris White, open in 1986, and featured for the first time some of the artifacts from USS Cumberland and CSS Florida, which form an important part of the museum collection. Even the august New York Times sat up and took notice of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum during this time.

It was during the 1980s that the City of Norfolk began to woo the museum with an invitation to move downtown into a new maritime center. While the concepts, drawings, and even the size of this proposed building changed, one thing remained constant: the city of Norfolk considered a relocated Hampton Roads Naval Museum to be essential to the success of the new venture. In the late 1980s the Navy agreed to surrender its crown jewel, and the museum began serious work on moving to Nauticus, the National Maritime Center.

Intense planning commenced in 1989 and continued until the museum closed the doors for the final time at Pennsylvania House in December 1993. Six months later the new Hampton Roads Naval Museum opened with approximately twice the permanent gallery space. As with any new attraction, attendance skyrocketed in the first year at Nauticus.

It was during the time between closing at Pennsylvania House and opening at Nauticus that the museum established its successful docent program. New recruits came to the museum to learn information about the Navy – they already knew how to make visitors to Norfolk feel at home. The museum arrived at Nauticus with an impressive docent corps and the beginnings of solid educational programs. For instance, costumed interpreters appeared in the galleries for the first time.

At Nauticus, the museum worked hard to generate temporary exhibit space, managing to stage shows like “Nelson: the Man,” featuring artifacts from the most famous sailor of all time. In 1998 the back section of the museum became a little Havana for the Spanish-American War centennial exhibit. Staff continued to gather artifacts, including a sizable collection of items looted from the Cumberland and Florida, which provided years of conservation worries for the staff.

In the late 1990s the winds of change again stirred at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. This time they were winds generated by the passing of a mighty Iowa-class battleship, USS Wisconsin. “Prepare a plan for management of the battleship Wisconsin,” what a simple directive for a complex task. Museum staff immediately set to work preparing tour routes, docent materials, education programs and a major exhibit. The battleship pulled next to the building in December 7, 2000 (still remembered as “the year without Christmas”) and opened to the public on April 26, 2001. The flood of visitors made 1994 look like a weekend picnic.

Entering the twenty-first century, the museum continues to focus on the task that has made it beloved over the past 25 years: we honor the Navy by collecting the history of its people and then we share this story with everyone, for free. The Navy’s heritage has found a home at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum.

## **HURRAH PLAYERS 1ST ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION**

The Hurrah Players will be holding their 1st Annual Silent Auction this Saturday, October 2nd, 6pm – 11pm at Christ The King School, 3401 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA. The evening will include dinner, 2 complimentary drinks, a silent and live auction and dancing. For tickets and more information, please call Hurrah at 627-5437.

## **GRANT PROPOSALS INVITED**

The Tidewater Artists Association will present a \$1000 grant to a community organization working with the visual arts. Art programs within hospitals, detention homes, schools, etc. are eligible to apply. A review committee of TAA members will consider all proposals received by October 15, 2004 and applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by the new year. Written proposals of no more than three pages can be mailed to: The Review Committee, Tidewater Artists Association, P.O. Box 3093 Norfolk, Va 23514-3093.

## **VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY BRINGS RACE RELATIONS CENTER STAGE WITH YELLOWMAN**

Virginia Stage Company continues the 2004/2005 season with Dael Orlandersmith's new play *Yellowman* to be staged by veteran director Ron OJ Parson. In the play, Alma, a dark-skinned African-American woman, and her childhood friend Eugene, a light-skinned African-American man, find that as their friendship evolves into love, the different shades of their skin raise obstacles that become insurmountable. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, *Yellowman* dramatically demonstrates how sins of the past become the legacy of the future from the harsh realities of internal racism.

The production runs from October 17 to November 7, 2004. Tickets to *Yellowman* range in price from \$22.50 to \$42.50, with October 17 serving as a Pay-What-You-Can night. Tickets may be purchased at the VSC Box Office, by calling (757) 627-1234 or online at [www.vastage.com](http://www.vastage.com).

## **HEALTHWATCH**

HW 9-16-04

HELLO -- I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON  
AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S EDITION OF

## HEALTHWATCH.

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THOUGH THE SUMMER HAS NOW WOUND DOWN, MANY PEOPLE CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT -- DURING THE WARMER MONTHS -- THERE TENDS TO BE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ANIMAL BITES IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK? THAT'S PARTLY BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN MORE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DURING THOSE TIMES AND ARE AT A GREATER RISK FOR ANIMAL BITES -- FROM WILD ANIMALS, AS WELL AS THEIR VERY OWN PETS.

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SINCE JANUARY FIRST OF TWO-THOUSAND FOUR -- THERE HAVE BEEN THREE-HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR ANIMAL BITES REPORTED IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK -- FROM PETS AS WELL AS WILD ANIMALS. THIS IS OF MAJOR CONCERN BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN THE PRESENCE OF RABIES IN THE CITY. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, RABID ANIMALS HAVE SPREAD ALL ACROSS NORFOLK. THAT IS A BIG PROBLEM BECAUSE RABID ANIMALS CAN BITE PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A MAN THAT WAS BITTEN BY A RABID FOX ON THOLE STREET JUST LAST YEAR. AND RABID ANIMALS CAN ALSO BITE PETS.

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SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, NINE RABID ANIMALS WERE CAPTURED IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK. THOUGH THIS NUMBER MIGHT APPEAR SMALL, IT TOO REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE. NORFOLK RESIDENTS SHOULD KNOW THAT THE INCIDENCE OF ANIMAL RABIES IN THE CITY IS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN.

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THAT IS WHY EACH ANIMAL BITE REPORTED IN THE CITY MUST BE INVESTIGATED BY THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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HERE TO TELL US MORE ABOUT THE INCIDENCE OF ANIMAL BITES AND RABIES IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK IS TERRY DETTMER, AN EPIDEMIOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU, TERRY FOR JOINING US TODAY.

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[TERRANCE]

TERRY, WHAT SHOULD SOMEONE DO IF THEY ARE BITTEN BY AN ANIMAL -- WHETHER IT'S A WILD ANIMAL OR NOT?

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[TERRY]

FIRST, THEY SHOULD WASH THE WOUND IMMEDIATELY WITH WARM SOAP AND WATER. IF IT IS A BITE FROM A WILD ANIMAL, THEY SHOULD

CALL NORFOLK ANIMAL CONTROL AT 664-7387 OR THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT 683-2712 -- RIGHT AWAY. EVEN BITES FROM DOMESTICATED ANIMALS SHOULD BE REPORTED.

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[TERRANCE]

WHY IS REPORTING ANIMAL BITES SO IMPORTANT -- EVEN BITES FROM DOMESTICATED ANIMALS – PETS?

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[TERRY]

DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE WHETHER OR NOT THE ANIMAL IS RABID, THAT IS, IF IT HAS RABIES. AND WHILE A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL MAY BE UP-TO-DATE ON ITS RABIES SHOTS, THE PET OWNER MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE ANIMAL'S EVERY MOVE -- ESPECIALLY IF IT IS A PET THAT IS KEPT OUTSIDE – A PET THAT COULD POTENTIALLY COME IN CONTACT WITH A RABID WILD ANIMAL.

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[TERRANCE]

WHAT IS RABIES, TERRY?

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[TERRY]

RABIES IS A VERY SERIOUS DISEASE CAUSED BY A VIRUS THAT ATTACKS THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. ONCE SYMPTOMS START, IT IS ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT FATAL IN BOTH MAMMALS AND HUMANS.

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[TERRANCE]

BEYOND HUMANS, WHAT MAMMALS CAN CONTRACT THE VIRUS?

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[TERRY]

RABIES CAN BE FOUND IN SKUNKS, BATS, FOXES, RACCOONS, DOGS, CATS AND SOME FARM ANIMALS AND SMALLER ANIMALS.

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[TERRANCE]

WHERE IS THE VIRUS FOUND?

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[TERRY]

THE RABIES VIRUS LIVES IN THE SALIVA AND BRAIN OF RABID ANIMALS AND CAN BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH A BITE OR BY GETTING SALIVA IN A WOUND, THE EYES OR MOUTH. ONCE A WILD ANIMAL THAT HAS BITTEN SOMEONE IS CAPTURED, IT IS EUTHANIZED SO THAT ITS BRAIN TISSUE CAN BE TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE DISEASE. HOWEVER, THE RECORDS OF A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ARE CHECKED TO VERIFY THAT

IT IS UP-TO-DATE ON ITS RABIES VACCINATIONS. A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL WILL BE QUARANTINED AND OBSERVED TO SEE IF IT EXHIBITS ANY SYMPTOMS OF RABIES. THE ANIMAL'S IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE UPDATED, IF NECESSARY, AFTER THE QUARANTINE PERIOD HAS EXPIRED.

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[TERRANCE]

HOW CAN SOMEONE TELL, TERRY, IF AN ANIMAL IS RABID?

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[TERRY]

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE NO INDICATION THAT AN ANIMAL HAS RABIES. WHEN SYMPTOMS DO OCCUR, A GOOD INDICATOR IS THE ANIMAL'S BEHAVIOR, THAT IS, IF IT IS ACTING UNUSUAL OR IN AN UNEXPECTED MANNER – REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT IT IS A STRAY, A WILD ANIMAL OR A PET. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ANIMAL MIGHT APPEAR UNUSUALLY SHY AND MIGHT EVEN HIDE FROM YOU. IT MIGHT ALSO SEEM CONFUSED, DEPRESSED AND SLUGGISH.

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[TERRANCE]

WHAT OTHER SYMPTOMS MIGHT A RABID ANIMAL EXHIBIT?

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[TERRY]

OTHER INDICATIONS THAT AN ANIMAL MIGHT BE RABID INCLUDE – AN USUALLY NOCTURNAL ANIMAL BECOMING ACTIVE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS; CONVULSIONS; DROOLING AND/OR FOAMING AT THE MOUTH; STAGGERING; A CHANGE IN THE SOUND OF AN ANIMAL'S BARK OR THE TRADITIONAL SOUNDS THAT IT MAKES; AN APPARENT INABILITY TO EAT OR DRINK; AND PARALYSIS AND/OR WEAKNESS. RABIES ALWAYS RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF THE ANIMAL.

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[TERRANCE]

WHAT SHOULD ONE DO IF THEY ENCOUNTER AN ANIMAL THAT IS EXHIBITING ANY OF THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR?

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[TERRY]

THEY SHOULD STAY AS FAR AWAY FROM THE ANIMAL AS POSSIBLE AND CONTACT NORFOLK ANIMAL CONTROL IMMEDIATELY.

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[TERRANCE]

AND HOW IS ANIMAL RABIES PREVENTED? YOU MENTIONED VACCINATIONS EARLIER -- RABIES SHOTS?

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[TERRY]

YES, RABIES CAN BE PREVENTED IN CATS, DOGS, FERRETS AND SOME LIVESTOCK BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF A RABIES VACCINATION. FOR MOST WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS, HOWEVER, NO RABIES VACCINE CURRENTLY EXISTS THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE.

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[TERRANCE]

ISN'T THERE A CITY ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES THE VACCINATION OF ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY?

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[TERRY]

YES, ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS RESIDING WITHIN THE CITY OF NORFOLK ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP AN UP-TO-DATE RABIES VACCINATION. PET OWNERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR ANIMAL'S VETERINARIAN TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEIR ANIMAL IS CURRENT WITH ALL REQUIRED RABIES VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTER SHOTS.

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[TERRANCE]

WHAT ELSE CAN A PET OWNER DO TO INSURE THAT THEIR ANIMAL DOES NOT BECOME EXPOSED TO RABIES?

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[TERRY]

PET OWNERS CAN KEEP THEIR ANIMALS CONFINED TO THEIR PROPERTY, AS WELL AS FEED THEIR ANIMALS INDOORS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT FOOD LEFT OUT OF DOORS CAN ATTRACT WILD ANIMALS THAT MIGHT BE RABID. PET OWNERS SHOULD ALSO REPORT ANY ATTACK OR ANIMAL BITE TO THEIR PET BY CONTACTING THEIR VETERINARIAN, THE CITY OF NORFOLK ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION AND/OR THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AN EXPOSED, UNVACCINATED PET CAN BECOME A THREAT TO THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY.

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[TERRANCE]

IF SOMEONE DOES HAPPEN TO BE BITTEN BY A PET KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY, WHAT SHOULD THEY DO?

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[TERRY]

IF THE ANIMAL BELONGS TO A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR OR IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE OWNER, GET THAT PERSON'S NAME AND ADDRESS, ASK FOR PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATIONS AND CALL NORFOLK ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AN ANIMAL BITE MUST ALWAYS BE REPORTED AND FOLLOWED-UP.

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[TERRANCE]

WHAT ELSE SHOULD BE DONE IF YOU ARE BITTEN BY AN ANIMAL?

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[TERRY]

YOU SHOULD CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR BITE TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY AND TO DETERMINE IF RABIES SHOTS ARE NEEDED. A SERIES OF SHOTS CAN PREVENT THIS FATAL DISEASE, IF GIVEN AS NEEDED.

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[TERRANCE]

THANKS, TERRY! CAN YOU GIVE OUR VIEWERS ANY FINAL TIPS ON AVOIDING ANIMAL BITES, AS WELL AS RABIES PROTECTION?

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[TERRY]

ABSOLUTELY. NEVER ATTEMPT TO FEED OR HANDLE ANY WILD ANIMAL AND NEVER, EVER ATTEMPT TO ADOPT WILD ANIMALS AS PETS. THAT'S ASKING FOR TROUBLE! ALSO STAY AWAY FROM STRAY ANIMALS AND REPORT ALL STRAYS TO ANIMAL CONTROL OR THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO KEEP WILD ANIMALS AWAY FROM AND OUT OF YOUR HOME IS BY DOING SIMPLE THINGS LIKE: SECURING DOORS AND WINDOWS; CAPPING CHIMNEYS WITH SCREENS; CLOSING ANY OPENINGS IN PORCHES, BASEMENTS AND ATTICS; AND SECURING ALL TRASH RECEPTACLES AND ANY FOOD THAT IS STORED OUT OF DOORS.

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TO REPORT A STRAY OR WILD ANIMAL OR AN ANIMAL ATTACK OR BITE -- OR TO SIMPLY LEARN MORE ABOUT RABIES AND THE SAFETY MEASURES ONE CAN TAKE TO PREVENT BEING BITTEN BY A RABID ANIMAL -- NORFOLK RESIDENTS SHOULD CALL THE CITY OF NORFOLK ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION AT (757) 664-7387. THEY MAY ALSO CALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OF THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT (757) 683-2712.

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[TERRANCE]

THANKS AGAIN, TERRY! YOU'VE SHOWN THAT -- THROUGHOUT THE YEAR -- WE CAN PRACTICE GOOD ANIMAL SAFETY HABITS TO KEEP OURSELVES AND OUR PETS SAFE FROM RABIES AND ANIMAL BITES. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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HEALTHWATCH IS A MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM – OR IF YOU HAVE A TOPIC THAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO DISCUSS – PLEASE CALL US AT 683-2756. THAT’S 683-2756. I’M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS HAS BEEN HEALTHWATCH.

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## THINGS TO SEE AND DO

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### CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

#### Seniors Art Forum

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets on the first Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call Kristi McMillan at (757) 333-6268 for group reservations.

#### **The Fine Art of Wine and Jazz**

With the Chrysler voted by the readers of Port Folio Weekly as a great place to experience live music, The Art of Jazz is an ongoing happening each Wednesday evening until 8:45 p.m., featuring some of the best of the region’s jazz artists. This spring, in addition to The Art of Jazz the Chrysler will host The Fine Art of Wine – an informal wine tasting on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6 p.m. Farm Fresh will generously provide the wine, wine education, and light fare for visitors; the Museum will provide the great jazz, the magnificent art, and the beautiful setting. The fabulous performers scheduled for May and June are listed below. For more information on monthly tastings, please call (757) 333-6279.

### COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the October performances in its Arts Within Reach series. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports free programs that truly bring art within your reach. Arts Within Reach features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, visit [www.norfolkarts.com](http://www.norfolkarts.com).

## CONTINUING

The Quilts of Gee's Bend continues through January 2nd, 2005. Location: Chrysler Museum of Art. 664-6200\*

\*admission or fee is charged for these events

## OCTOBER

12 (Tues.) – 12 noon Barbara Chapman, harp. Principal harpist with the Virginia Symphony, Ms. Chapman presents harp music through the centuries with selections on Celtic and Concert Harp. Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church, 7036 Chesapeake Blvd. 664-4321

20 (Wed.) – 10 am Danny, King of the Basement. A “short play for all ages” presented by Virginia Stage Company. Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 155 W. Government Ave. 664-4321

When Danny moves into a basement apartment on Clinton Street, the kids he meets seem to have way more problems than just being hungry. But Danny's imaginative play creates a community that allows his friends to cope with their problems and ultimately to help Danny.

28 (Thurs.) – 11:30 am Coyote Run. Celtic, warrior, and maritime traditions underscore the music of this five-person group performing on a range of instruments. Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex Street. 664-4321

In the tradition of the ancient bards, Coyote Run weaves songs that soar through the air, embrace our mother earth, challenge the vastness of the waters, and evoke the spirit of sacred fire. With driving rhythms, Celtic flair, heroic warrior's tales, and the trickster's twist, Coyote Run invites you to join in their adventure.

30 (Sat.) – 2 pm The Academy of Music Suzuki Violin School. String performance by an amazingly talented young ensemble. Knox Presbyterian Church, 427 W. 37th Street & Colonial Ave 664-4321

Arts Within Reach, produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing Norfolk performing arts organizations and artists. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction between performer and audience. All Arts Within Reach performances are free and open to the public. Inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

Call listed numbers for more information; schedules are subject to change.

## FESTEVENTS

### **Norfolk's Salute to Fleet Week Concert**

Town Point Park

Friday, October 8, 2004

5 pm - 10 pm

Free and Open to the Public

The City of Norfolk will host the opening events to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 229th Birthday and Fleet Week, with a free country concert featuring Lorrie Morgan and Aaron Tippin. The U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet Band will kick off the evening, followed by the Opening Ceremonies and then Lorrie Morgan will take the stage at 6 pm and Aaron Tippin will close out the celebrations beginning at 8 pm.

### **Let the Tasting Begin With the 17th Annual SunCom Town Point Virginia Wine Festival**

Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 2004

11 am - 5 pm each day

Town Point Park ~ Historic Downtown Waterfront ~ Norfolk, VA

Advance Tasting Tickets \$20 Per Person

Reserved Tables \$225-\$350

Town Point Park, located along the Elizabeth River, will host the Commonwealth's largest outdoor wine festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 2004. Whether it is a first time experience or annual tradition, the 17th Annual SunCom Town Point Virginia Wine Festival is sure to turn all into Virginia wine connoisseurs. The festival takes place from 11 am to 5 pm each day. Individual tasting tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 and onsite for \$25, however, tables for 8 are limited.

As one of the area's most anticipated events, the Town Point Virginia Wine Festival offers more than 25 of Virginia's premier wineries. Participating wineries will provide information on the wine making process from start to finish, including the harvesting and preparation of the grapes. Guests have the option to sample the Commonwealth's premier wines by the glass, bottle or case. The cases of wine make great holiday presents, so stock up early! Also enjoy gourmet made in Virginia food items, specialty craft vendors and live musical entertainment by Lewis McGehee.

## **GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL**

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection. The MacArthur Memorial will unveil a new exhibit this March. The exhibit, called From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collections, features Asian art and artifacts drawn from the MacArthur Memorial's permanent collection and provides a rare opportunity to view an eclectic collection of never-before-seen artifacts. Sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, the exhibition brings together outstanding examples of indigenous art from East Asia and elegantly demonstrates how the MacArthurs played a role in the lives of well known historical figures.

Highlights include an array of Philippine wood sculptures, cloisonné, beautifully painted screens, antique ivory figures, lacquered chests and other objects d'art. In addition, a collection of Kutani, Imari, Celadon and Satsuma porcelain will be featured. From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection will run until February 28, 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The museum is closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 757.441.2965 or visit [macarthurmemorial.org](http://macarthurmemorial.org)

## **HURRAH PLAYERS**

### **THEATRE CLASSES**

Hurrah Players are currently accepting registrations for their Fall 2004 Session of theatre classes. For more information please contact Hurrah at 627-5434 or visit their website at [www.hurrahplayers.com](http://www.hurrahplayers.com)

### **21ST SEASON**

Show Dates and Times:

#### **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

October 8, 2004 - 7:00 PM

October 9, 2004 - 3:00 PM

October 9, 2004 - 7:00 PM

October 10, 2004 - 3:00 PM

October 15, 2004 - 7:00 PM

October 16, 2004 - 3:00 PM

October 16, 2004 - 7:00 PM

October 17, 2004 - 3:00 PM

HOLIDAYS IN VIRGINIA

December 10, 2004 - 7:00 PM

December 11, 2004 - 3:00 PM

December 12, 2004 - 3:00 PM

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER AND HAPPY HANUKKAH MY FRIEND

December 11, 2004 - 7:00 PM

AMAZING GRACE

February 18, 2005 - 7:00 PM

February 19, 2005 - 3:00 PM

February 20, 2005 - 3:00 PM

WILLIE WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 18, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 19, 2005 - 3:00 PM

March 19, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 20, 2005 - 3:00 PM

March 25, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 26, 2005 - 3:00 PM

March 26, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 27, 2005 - 3:00 PM

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

May 20, 2005 - 7:00 PM

May 21, 2005 - 3:00 PM

May 22, 2005 - 3:00 PM

FOOTLOOSE

July 29, 2005 - 7:00 PM

July 30, 2005 - 3:00 PM

July 31, 2005 - 3:00 PM

All shows are performed at the TCC Roper Center on Granby Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Call 627-5437 or visit [www.hurrahplayers.com](http://www.hurrahplayers.com) for more information.

NAUTICUS

### JOIN OUR TEAM!

Are you interested in presenting science demonstrations or interpreting hands-on exhibits? If the answer is "yes," then Nauticus has an opportunity for you! Or maybe you just enjoy meeting and interacting with people. If so, then volunteering at Nauticus might be for you. We have positions available weekdays and weekends in the Administration, Aquarium, Gift Shop, Visitor Services, Cruise Support and Education Departments. To learn more about joining the Nauticus team as a volunteer, contact Nancy Sorg at 664-1043 or [nancy.sorg@norfolk.gov](mailto:nancy.sorg@norfolk.gov)

We are interested in adults, college students and high school/home school students who are at least 14 years old.

### NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

Save the Date! October 8-9, 2004 Building Strong Neighborhoods...Block by Block. The Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference will be held in Blacksburg, Virginia at the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center on the Virginia Tech Campus. Informative Workshops! Exciting Speakers! Planned Activities! For more information, please visit our website [www.blacksburg.gov/departments/conference](http://www.blacksburg.gov/departments/conference) or call 540-951-4347.

### NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

#### **What's So Funny About Trash?**

Find out at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Norfolk Environmental Commission. Festivities will take place 6:30-9:30 on Saturday, November 6th, at Nauticus. Dinner, dancing, and entertainment featuring national Eco-Illusionist, Steve Trash are all part of this exciting evening! Show your creative, eco-friendly side and dress in your best retro reuse - Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative and ingenious evening clothes!

Dinner & Show, 6:30: \$50per person  
Show only, 7:30 - \$25 per person

Proceeds benefit environmental education in Norfolk. For ticket information, contact 441-1347 or [nec@norfolkbeautiful.org](mailto:nec@norfolkbeautiful.org).

### OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

"The Human Experience" Film Series



"The Human Experience" is a film series presented by Old Dominion University Multicultural Student Services. It offers an observation, not a critique, of the human struggle to survive and find resolution within one's own society, regardless of demographics. Each film is introduced by a member of the student-faculty community, providing greater insight into understanding the social context of the film and its relevance to our own life experiences. All films are free and open to the public and will be presented in Mills-Godwin Building, Room 102 at 8:00pm. Dates, times, and film titles are subject to change. Food provided by Aramark Dining Services and Coca-Cola.

Multicultural Student Services, 2109 Webb Center  
Phone: (757) 683-4406 <http://www.odu.edu/mss>

- Monster on October 18
- The Pianist on November 1
- To Live on November 8
- In America on January 24
- Rosewood on February 7
- The Magdalene Sisters on March 14

## RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October 2004

Bayview Recreation Center (441-1626)

Family Halloween Masquerade, 1:00pm ages Open, Saturday, October 23

Berkley Recreation Center (441-1912)

Halloween/Fall Carnival, 4:00pm, ages 17 and under, Thursday, October 28

Campostella Recreation Center (441- 1974)

Halloween/Fall Carnival, 5:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, October 29

Captain's Quarters (441-1715)

Fall Foliage Excursion, 8:00am, ages 9-15, Saturday, October 16

Fee required, please contact the center for details!

Teen-O-Ween Masquerade, 4:00pm, ages 13-17, Friday, October 29

Crossroads Recreation Center (441-1769)

Halloween Puppet Show, 10:00am, ages 12 and under, Wednesday, October 27

Teen Halloween Party, 6:30pm, ages 13-17, Thursday, October 28

East Ocean View (441-1785)

Halloween/Fall Carnival, 5:00pm, ages Family, Friday, October 22

\$2.00 fee for tickets to the carnival!

Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)

Pumpkin Carving Contest, 4:00pm, ages Open, Friday, October 29

Fall Festival, 10:00am, age Open, Saturday, October 30

Fee required, please contact the center for details!

Huntersville Recreation Center (664-7434)

Halloween/Fall Carnival, 6:00pm, ages, 12 and under, Friday, October 22

Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)

Halloween Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, October 29

Small fee for booth games!

Larchmont Recreation Center (441- 5411)

Columbus Day Celebration, 3:30pm, ages 5-15, Wednesday, October 13

Harvest Festival, 3:30pm, ages 5-14, Friday, October 29

Merrimack Recreation Center (441-1783)

Halloween/Fall Carnival, 5:00pm, ages Open, Friday, October 29

Park Place Recreation Center (664-7531)

Halloween Shootout, 4:00pm, ages 5-12 and 13-17, Friday, October 29

Sherwood Recreation Center (441-5824)

Halloween Bash, 7:00pm, ages Family, Friday, October 22

Fee required, please contact the center for details!

Tarrallton Recreation Center (441-1765)

Columbus Day "Sail the Ocean Blue," 4:30pm, ages 5-17, Monday, October 11

Halloween/Fall Carnival, 6:00pm, ages Family, Friday, October 22

Titustown Recreation Center (441-1259)

Halloween Carnival, 6:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, October 29

Young Terrace Recreation Center (441-2692)

Child Care Halloween Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, October 27

Community Halloween Carnival, 5:00pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, October 28

"Go Girl Go Aerobics", 6:00pm, ages 12+, starting Monday, October 4

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

TIDEWATER ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

Tidewater Artists Association presents:

“Back on the Block”

at d’Art Center

125 College Place

Norfolk, VA 23510

October 10 – November 7, 2004

This juried members exhibition is named “Back on the Block” to celebrate a revived relationship between TAA and d’Art Center, and is not necessarily meant to the theme of the show. The juror will be Trudy van Dyke, director of the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria. Awards will be given out for Best in Show, Award of Excellence, Award of Merit and Honorable Mention.